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The Little Pine Tree

look majestic like the older Oak sapling with his handsome bark.

"You look just like the Poplar tree that's standing over on the other side," laughed the Silver Maple.

by Teresa Mesman

The big truck rattled along the highway carrying a load of green tree saplings. They were headed to the garden center and greenhouse in Freedomville.

It was a beautiful spring day and the saplings were all excited about their prospects in Freedomville.

"I can't wait to get planted, so that I can grow up to hold a treehouse or maybe even a tire swing," said the Red Maple.

"I just know that I'll be a perfect shade tree for some little girls' picnic someday," said the Weeping Willow.

"I'm going to be part of a new orchard," said the Pecan. "I'll grow the best papershell pecans in town someday."

The tall Oak sapling began to chatter on about his future, when he stopped and bent over to look at a small, twig-like structure leaning up against a corner of the trailer.

"What is this? Did someone snap a twig already?" the Oak asked sarcastically.

All the other saplings stopped talking and wheeled around on their burlapped roots to take a look at what the Oak was asking about.

There in the shadows, stood a very short, very thin, sprout of a sapling with no leaves or buds.

The tall saplings broke out in laughter at the small, lonely sapling.

"What exactly are you? You certainly can't be a tree," scoffed the Apple tree.

"Please don't laugh" cried the sapling. "I'm a Pine tree. I'm an Austrian Pine tree and all I want to do is to go home."

"Home?" sneered the Maple. "Just where do you think your home is?"

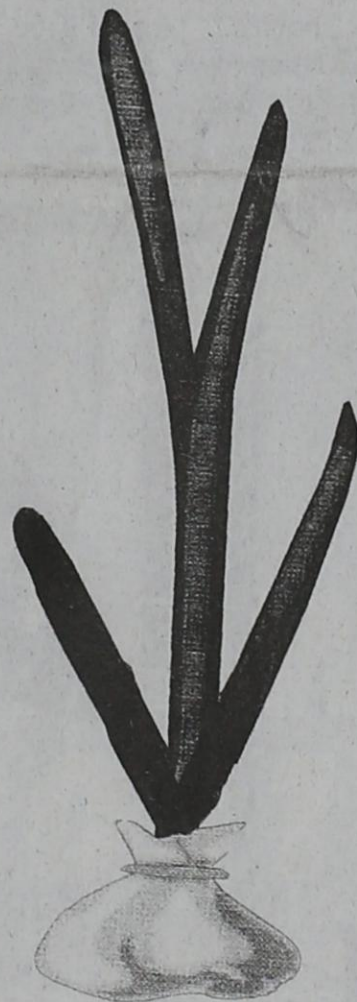
"Home for me is the Mighty Forest. I was supposed to have gone on the Forestry Service truck. Someone has made a terrible mistake!" the little Pine tree wailed.

"Mistake is right," laughed the Oak. "Thinking that you can even be a tree is your mistake. Why, you don't even have leaves."

The Oak was right.

The little Pine was short and very thin compared to the other saplings. The older ball root trees in the front of the trailer seemed like giants. They had large, round masses of dirt and roots that were bundled in large strips of burlap. The little Pine had just a small scrap of burlap covering his three thin roots that looked like string compared to the others.

The little Pine had no real branches either. He had thin flexible twigs that stood right straight up pointing towards his head. They weren't smooth, but were rather prickly. No beautiful shiny leaves poked out of his branches. He didn't have any buds or small flowers to make him look nice like the other fruit and flowering trees. And he certainly didn't

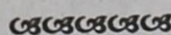


The little Pine glanced over and saw another young sapling that was already very tall, but also very thin. His branches stood right straight up too, but he had small green leaves starting to poke out.

The Poplar waved and started to speak just as the nursery truck came to a stop.

The truck pulled into "Baxter's Bloomin' Things" and the driver hopped out ready to stretch his legs from the long journey.

"Afternoon, Mr. Baxter," said the driver. "Got quite a few trees here to unload. Looks like the folks around here are going to have some beauties to plant in a few weeks."



Roger Baxter was a gardener and a grower

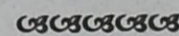
Highlights

Welcome to the annual Christmas Greeting Card issue! Highlights inside today's paper include:

- * Another "Will Anderson Adventure" penned by Naval Cmdr. Will Anderson, son of Bob and Carrie Anderson, of Farwell.
- * Rev. Richard Lavery, of First Baptist Church of Farwell, undertakes a mission trip to Spain.
- * The 10th anniversary of the conviction of Diane Lumbrera, who some thought suffered from Munchausen Syndrome.
- * The always popular Tribune Coloring Contest, with cash prizes for youngsters who participate.
- * A final look at the Hassell case, the most infamous story in Parmer County history.
- * Letters to Santa by area youngsters.
- * Basketball team photos from Farwell, Texico and Lazbuddie.

deluxe. At least that's what the residents of Freedomville had been saying for over 30 years. Roger was born and raised in Freedomville and had established quite a reputation for his "green thumb." That reputation and a few award winning 4-H projects, had garnered him a full-ride scholarship to State University. He returned to Freedomville to open a garden center and greenhouse. A few years after he began the business, he met and married a woman named Ivy.

Everyone thought that Roger marrying a woman named after a plant was just as appropriate as it could be.



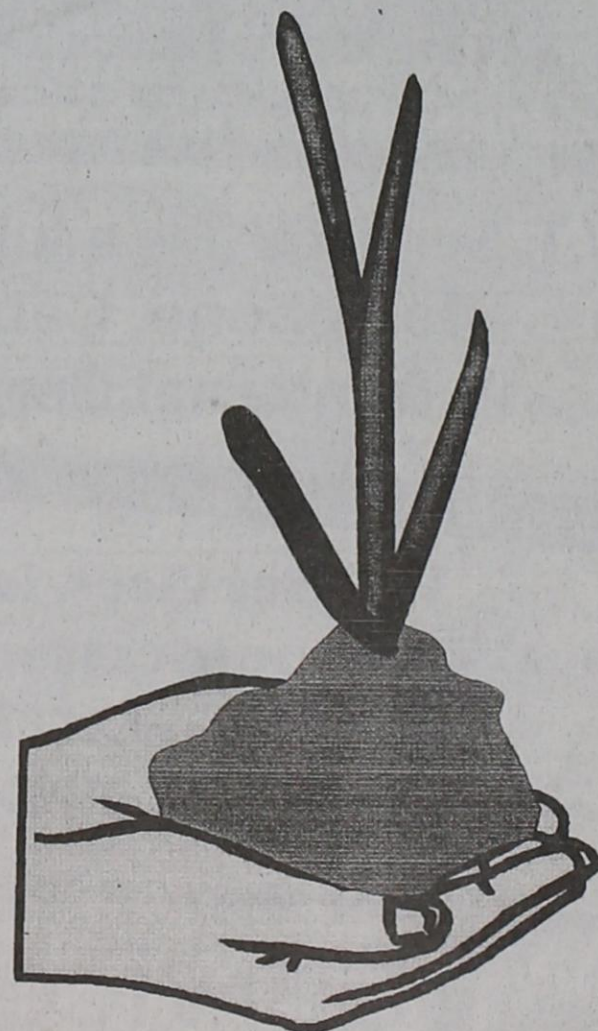
The truck driver opened the trailer and began wheeling the saplings and ball root trees off the truck.

The little Pine was among the last group to be unloaded.

"What's that from?" asked Roger as he walked toward the group. "I hope a branch didn't get broken off one of them."

"Looks like a stowaway weed if you ask me," laughed the truck driver.

Roger knelt down and scooped up the little Pine. He turned him around a few times and then pulled



back the burlap from his roots.

"Someone made a mistake back at the nursery. This little guy should have been sent with the

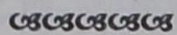
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The Little Pine Tree

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Forestry Service for the mountain reclamation program north of here," Roger explained. "I had better get him in some wet dirt and over to a cooler part of the shop."

The little Pine felt better after Roger had kindly and gently pushed his roots into some cool, wet potting soil. He took a long drink and dozed off to sleep.



The little Pine groggily opened his eyes after several days of sleeping and dreaming of the mighty Forest. He awoke to the sound of Roger Baxter whistling while he misted the plants neatly arranged in rows in the greenhouse.

Roger came toward him and gave him a drink of water. Then he moved back over to some small, green leafy plants that had shiny green pots. These, the little Pine would learn, were the Christmas Poinsettia plants that were being groomed for blooming before Christmas.

The little Pine saw right away that the Poinsettias were very high maintenance and had quite an attitude, especially towards the other flowering plants in the greenhouse.

"We're the favorite decorations for Christmas," cooed the red Poinsettia. "We're the plant that everyone wants to get and to give."

"We're exotic plants that have a Christmas legend written all about us," bragged the white Poinsettia.

Roger finished watering the plants and came back over to the little Pine.

"Say there, I see some needles beginning to poke through," said Roger. "It won't be long now and you'll be full of needles."

"Full of needles?" shouted the little Pine. "Won't that hurt?"

"You're a Pine tree silly, that's what you have instead of leaves," said a voice from the side of the greenhouse. "If you drink your water and don't let your roots dry out, you'll have soft, thick boughs of needles all over you in no time."

The voice belonged to the tall, skinny Poplar tree that the little Pine saw in the nursery truck.

"How do you know what I'll look like?" asked the little Pine.

"I was raised near a forest before I was dug up to sold," said the Poplar. "My type has become a really popular tree for lining back yard fences. And please, no jokes about being the most 'poplar' tree. I've heard them all!"

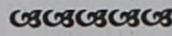
"Do you know what Pine trees are good for too?" asked the little Pine. "I want to know what I'm supposed to do when I grow up."

The Poplar shuddered.

He had heard the other trees talking about the fate of most small Pine trees. People cut them down before they were fully grown and nailed two boards to their trunks. Then they brought them into their houses and hung all kinds of trinkets on them for a few short weeks. Then they were either tossed out onto the curb or even shredded up for mulch. Some pine trees were even sawed into planks and made into furniture. He couldn't bear to tell the little Pine such news.

"I think you've got a long way to grow before you need to think of your future," stammered the Poplar.

"I can hardly wait to see what I become," said the little Pine.



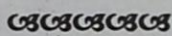
The days and weeks went by at Baxter's Bloomin' Things and the little Pine whiled the time away watching the other trees and plants be picked out and wheeled away towards their new homes.

The little tree had grown a bit too. He had several bushy looking branches and his stem was getting thicker. He thought he could feel a small wooden cone growing on the top of one of his branches.

The Poplar was a good friend to him, and he entertained the little Pine with stories of birds, squirrels and the things he remembered about the mountains.

As the seasons went by, the Poplar and the little Pine were the only trees left at the garden center.

Roger and Ivy stood before the two trees one afternoon and talked about what to do with them. It was decided that they would take them both home and plant them.



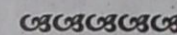
The Poplar loved his new spot near a corner of the back yard fence. He could see down the alley and all over the backyard. There were five other Poplar trees to keep him company.

The little Pine was put in the Baxter's front yard, right in front of a big window near their house. There were boxwood bushes, daisies and chrysanthemums nearby and a very bossy Silver Maple across the yard from him.

"Don't go thinking that you're going to get my swing or the little boy that comes out to play in my branches," she snorted. "And I'll be the one that will provide the shade over the grass. I don't know why they brought you here. You're nothing but a spiny bush."

The little Pine caught his reflection in the big window on the front of the house. He did look like a spiny bush. His head was pointy, but the rest of him stuck out in long, spiky sticks. He was getting bushier by the week and, although he was getting taller, he was still the shortest tree on the block.

He missed the Poplar and could hear him rustling when the wind blew threw the back yard.



The summer was long and hot. Many days, the little Pine would close his eyes and dream of being a forest pine where the cool mountain wind would blow through him and the snow would fall all around him.

Several times during the summer, Roger and Ivy Baxter and their two small children would stand looking at the little Pine while they were giving him long drinks of water.

"Just wait until the holidays," Roger would say to his son. "This pine tree is going to be something else."

The bossy Silver Maple would just laugh and say things to hurt the little Pine.

"Oh, you'll be something else come the holidays. You'll be a table or a new treehouse to be built in my branches," she'd taunt.

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Farwell JV Boys win Friona Tournament

JV Boys

Farwell's JV Boys are 11-1 after winning the Friona Tourney last weekend.

They kayoed Olton, 56-35. Scoring were Tate Nichols and Robbie Tabb, 3 each; Tyler Myers, 6; Jose Cabello, 11; Juan Sanchez and Lonnie McFarland, 7 each; Jason Johnson, 8; Cale Stevenson, 10; and Daniel Kaltwasser, 1.

They beat Tulia, 59-51. Scoring were Nichols, 15; Stevenson, 12; McFarland, 16; Johnson, Tabb, Kaltwasser and Cabello, 3 each; and Myers and Sanchez, 2 each.

And Farwell crushed River Road, 57-40. Scoring were Myers, 7; Cabello, 15; Sanchez, 4; Nichols, 12; Tabb and Johnson, 3 each; Stevenson, 2; McFarland, 10; and Kaltwasser, 1.

Farwell's JV Boys beat Nazareth, 60-36, Dec. 11.

Scoring were Tate Nichols, 11; Tyler Myers, 12; Jose Cabello, 10; Jason Johnson, Lonnie McFarland and Juan Sanchez, 6 each; Cale Stevenson, 3; Robbie Tabb, 4, and Daniel Kaltwasser, 2.

The Farwell JV Boys are now 8-1.

Varsity Girls

On Dec. 11, the Lady Blue fell to Nazareth, 82-49.

Scoring were Lacey Actkinson and Jessica Chandler, 7 each; Mindi Roberts, 12 (with two 3 pointers); Hailey Grimes, 8; Cassie Street, 6; and Chelsea Meyer and Leesa Patterson, 4 each.

On Dec. 14, the Lady Blue were topped by Happy, 57-40.

Scoring were Chandler, 11; Actkinson and Roberts, 9 each; Grimes, 4; Brandi Bailey, 2; Street, 3, and Meyer, 2.

"C" Boys

Farwell's "C" boys are 4-1 after winning 3rd place in the Friona Freshman Tourney last weekend.

Farwell beat River Road, 53-41. Scoring were Carlos Saenz, 4; Jeremie Chandler, 20; Jarod Scott and Jason Sudderth, 6 each; Rowdy Mitchell, 10, and Chris Culver, 7.

Farwell lost to Littlefield, 50-42. Scoring were Saenz, 2; Culver, 5;

Chandler, 15; Mitchell and Scott, 6 each, and Sudderth, 8.

And Farwell topped Tulia, 48-23. Scoring were Saenz, 12; Culver, 3; Mitchell, 12; Sudderth, 4; Scott, 19, and Chandler, 9.

Frosh Girls

Farwell's freshman girls were consolation champions in the Friona Tournament last weekend.

Farwell was downed by Tulia, 36-26. Scoring were

Lady 'Horns beat Bovina

The Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns downed Bovina, 55-37, on Tuesday.

Top scorers were Savannah Black, 14; Kayla Kimbrough, 13, and Kelsey Jones, 10.

The varsity girls are now 6-7 on the season.

The Lazbuddie boys lost to Bovina, 43-39.

Top scorers were Jake Loudder, 14; and Jeffrey Phillips and Aaron Marks, 11 each.

Last Friday, the Longhorns won over Adrian, 71-44, while the Lady 'Horns lost in overtime to Adrian, 56-54.

No other details were available.

The Latest

The Farwell Junior Livestock Show will start at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 5 at the Farwell Community Center.

Entrants need to know that the deadline for signing up is Thursday, Jan. 3.

Set-up for the livestock show will take place on Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at the community center.

Texico star basketball player Chris Hall continues to shine for the Clovis Wildcats. He scored 25 points to lead his team against St. Pius for their 5th win against one loss.

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Ashie Martin, 11; Shannon Street, Amanda Barnes and Shaleena Laverty, 2 each; Melissa Howard, 5, and Tara Sanchez, 4.

Farwell whipped Abernathy, 37-27. Scoring were Martin, 10; Jordan Carpenter, 6; Street, 5; Howard, 1; Barnes, 6; Sanchez, 7, and Laverty, 2.

And the Lady Blue beat River Road, 38-23. Scoring were Laverty, 8; Carpenter, 10; Martin, 1; Street, 5; Howard and

Sanchez, 6 each, and Barnes, 2.

Varsity Boys

The Steers put away Happy on Dec. 14, 65-56, to run their record to 10-4.

Scoring were Fidel Ruiz, 5; Grant Gregory, 8; Taylor Nichols and Thomas Ortiz, 10 each; Gage Gregory, 17; Zac Schilling and Carlos Garcia, 2 each; and Tucker Crawford, 11.

On Dec. 11, Farwell lost to Nazareth, 78-36.

Scoring were Ruiz and Grant Gregory, 8 each; Nichols, 5; Garcia, 7; and Schilling and Ortiz, 4 each.

JV Girls

Farwell's JV girls were nipped by Tulia, 32-31, in the Friona Tourney although they Lady Blue mounted a strong comeback in the final quarter.

Scoring were Kya Christian, 6; Danielle Cargile and Khallie Foster, 8 each; Lindsay Vandiver,

1; Nikki Gober, 5, and Tara Schilling, 3.

And Farwell lost to River Road, 39-35. Scoring were Gober, Vandiver and Cargile, 4 each; Christian, 6; Carrie Stevenson, 2; Foster, 10, and Schilling, 5.

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Farwell Police Report

Farwell Police Chief Robert Achterberg reports that tools, tool box and a boom box radio were stolen from the back of a pickup truck in the 400 block of 9th Street on Dec. 3.

Also, five Texas flags were stolen from the Top of Texas apple shed on Dec. 7.

Achterberg said he is still hoping that persons can give him information about some past burglaries from this year:

-- Empellers and brass taken during a burglary at Kirkland Pump Co. Also, a rifle was taken from a vehicle parked there.

-- A radio and CD player were stolen from a vehicle.

Anyone with information about any of these thefts is asked to call Achterberg at 481-3600 or Parmer County Crime Stoppers.

The police chief also reported that several juveniles were issued citations for drinking and curfew violations recently.



Lady Sparks win tournament

The Lady Sparks placed 1st in the CGAA Tournament held Nov. 17 in Clovis. In back are coaches Brad Johnson and Glynn Martin, coaches; middle row, Shawna Franse, Micah Mayfield, Barbara Vidal, Brittney Johnson, Stephanie Vega; front row, Amanda Bass, Faith Martin, Bryn Mayfield, Amanda Riley.

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In the early fall, Ivy would sit for long periods of time looking at the little Pine and drawing something onto a pad of paper.

"I can hardly wait to complete this project! We've got the only Pine tree in town and this Christmas will be even more special," Ivy would say as she closed her notepad.

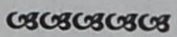
"That's it! That's it!" shouted the Silver Maple. "You're going to be chopped down for one of those holiday trees! They're getting you ready for a chopping in the late fall."

The news of this so saddened the little Pine that he began to cry. His tears were made of sap and he cried so much that he gummed his trunk up. After several days, the needles on the little Pine started turning brown.

Roger noticed how brown the little Pine was becoming and he called Ivy over to the little tree one afternoon.

"We've got to call a Pine tree specialist in a hurry," he stated. "If we're going to have this tree around for the holidays, we better get something done."

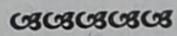
The little Pine got scared at what Roger was saying and felt for certain that what the Silver Maple had said about being chopped down for a holiday tree, was really true.



A tree doctor soon arrived and fed a strange concoction of things to the little Pine. He was sad and lonely and didn't want to drink.

"I don't know if this will help this little fella," said the doctor. "Pine trees don't really belong in this part of the country and it's been a long tough summer on him. I've done what I can; time will only tell the rest."

"Time and prayer can heal all things," said Roger. "We're going to pray that our little tree pulls through because we really want him. We've come to love this little tree."



Love?

Was the little Pine hearing the words right?

Roger said that they had come to love the little tree.

"If they love me, then why would they want to chop me down?" asked the little Pine.

The Silver Maple just mumbled in her sleep. She had fallen asleep several weeks before and her leaves were falling off.

The little Pine wondered if maybe she had been wrong. If she was wrong, then what could be so special about him that would make the Baxter's love him so much?

As the little Pine was thinking and wondering out loud, a small red Cardinal flew onto one of his branches.

"Hello, little bird," he said quietly. "Where did you come from?"

"I was flying towards the Mighty Forest, but I am tired and need a branch to rest on," said the Cardinal. "Little Christmas Tree, you certainly are a long way from the Forest."

"Christmas Tree? Why did you call me a Christmas Tree? I'm a Pine tree. Austrian Pine to be exact," said the little tree. "And besides, I'm nothing but a big mistake here in this town."

"Oh, you're a Christmas Tree all right. You're

the tree that most Christians look for to honor the Messiah's birth," said the Cardinal. "You're small, but you are definitely a Christmas Tree. And God never makes a mistake with anything or anyone. Everyone and every creature has a place in God's plan."

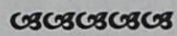


The Cardinal went on to describe how carefully the humans decorate these trees with lights and ornaments that help to celebrate the beauty and the mystery of the birth of Christ.

"But if we're so special, then why do we just get tossed aside after the Christmas holiday?" asked the little Pine.

"Some trees are cut down and they live for just one Christmas. Others live on year after year and they stay as constant reminders of the true meaning of the season of Christmas," said the Cardinal. "Either way, the Christmas tree is a very special type of tree and it's an honor to be one."

About that time, a strong north wind blew in and brought a chill to the air. The Cardinal flew off and shouted a shrill "Goodbye" to the little Pine.



The little Pine took the words of the Cardinal to heart.

It was an honor to be a Christmas Tree.

It was something magnificent to be born and live, just to know that you'll die for something special.

The little Pine knew that, whatever his fate, he was going to be the best Christmas tree ever. He drank his water and he regained his strength and nourishment.

His brown needles were soon replaced by soft, shiny green needles and every branch had a group of perfectly formed pinecones growing. He held his pointed head high and stood firm and as tall as he could on his trunk.

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A few months later, the Baxter's returned home from church one Sunday afternoon.

"Just look at that Pine tree," commented Roger. "He looks like he's ready for his job."

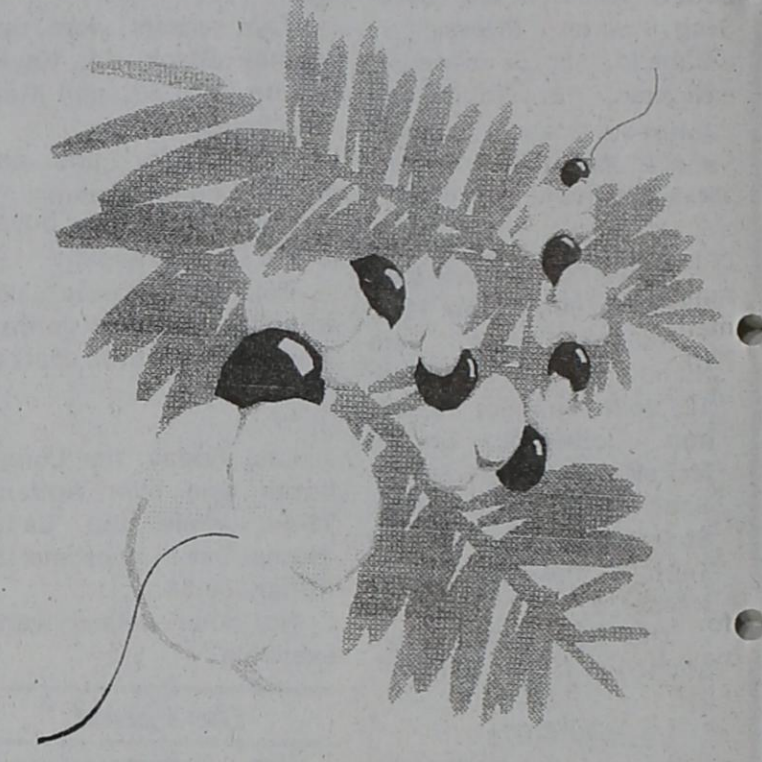
Ivy agreed, and she said she'd gather the things they needed to get the little Pine ready.

The little Pine knew that this was his final hour. He prepared himself for the chopping by telling himself over and over again that this was what he was brought into the world for.

He shouted goodbye to the bossy Silver Maple, even though she was sound asleep. She had a huge pile of brown and gold leaves heaped around her trunk. He shouted as loud as he could a goodbye to his friend the Poplar in the backyard. The Poplar was now tall enough to see over the roof, so he heard the little Pine's goodbye.

He rustled a goodbye back over the roof and sighed with sadness.

The Baxter family came towards the little Pine and the children took hold of a few of his branches.



"Ooh, it's so soft!" said the little girl.

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LIVE CATTLE: The market has corrected to the point that it has everyone nervous one again. These levels should be able to hold prices over the next couple of weeks. The downside is that IF prices push much further, then a re-test of contract lows is possible. This scenario would not be very optimistic overall? Showlists are supposed to be much lower next week.

FEEDER CATTLE: Feeders have held better on this decline than fed cattle prices. The feeders have seen a much smaller decline over the last couple of weeks and have held support levels very well this week. Any improvement in cash cattle prices next week should help to support a trend change for the better. Seasonals are very strong for higher prices into January.

CORN: Trends turned down last week and so far prices are basically drifting sideways. This is fairly typical for corn during this time of year. Once we get through the first of January, prices should begin to recover. Long term indicators are basically at a bottom versus last year. This should support a seasonal move higher this Spring unlike last year.

SOYBEANS: Prices have come under pressure in just the last few days. Financial problems in Argentina may create some extremely cheap prices on the world market. Technically, short term trends are down and aside from any problems between now and the first of the year, prices should see another attempt at higher prices after the first of the year.

WHEAT: Prices have turned higher, but we need to see a little more push to get the market moving. Long term trends are somewhat negative against short term trends which are attempting to remain positive. This conflict should resolve itself between now and the first of the year. The Christmas Holidays may slow most of the market down this year?

COTTON: Prices were able to retrace to major support levels and rebound late this week. A close above the 40 cent level basis the March contract should push prices up towards the 42-43 cent area. Long term trends along with seasonal support should support a rally into the Spring this next year. Long term targets will remain between 48-50 cents.

O HOLY NIGHT

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The Little Pine Tree

to come," said Ivy.

The little Pine almost burst with happiness.

The Baxter's weren't going to chop him down after all. Instead, they spent the afternoon stringing lights, garlands of popcorn and cranberries and hanging ornaments made of bird seed and sunflowers throughout his branches.

After that, Roger and the children set up a small wooden lean-to and placed some statues of a man, a woman and a baby lying in wooden manger inside.

As night fell, Ivy plugged the lights in and the little Pine was ablaze with bright colors. He was so happy that he almost began to cry sappy tears again.

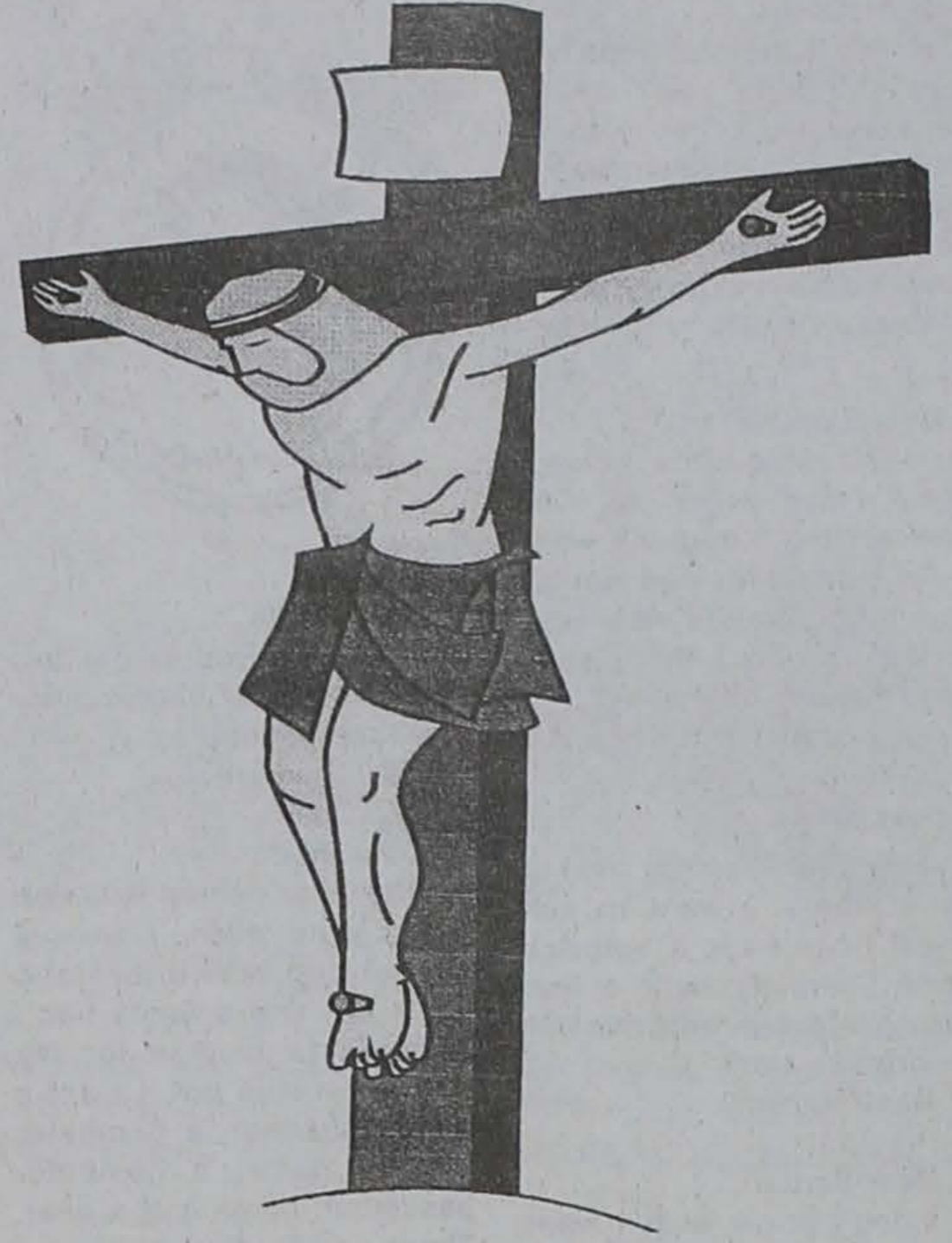
A few nights later, the Baxter's gathered back

around the little Pine with a whole group of people from town. They sang songs of peace, joy and love and about the little baby Jesus.

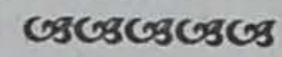
Roger Baxter ended the evening with a heartfelt thank you to the friends and family gathered for the joyous time. He also thanked the Lord for sending him the little mistake of a Pine tree. As he talked about the little Pine, and how much fun they had decorating him, Roger hung a long metal spike nail from one of the little Pine's inner branches.

"This ornament is the last to be hung on this glorious Christmas tree. We pray that, as you all come by and admire this wonderful Christmas tree,

that you will also remember that, as much as it represents the birth of Christ, it also represents the



death of our Lord and Savior," he explained. "For this Christmas tree only foreshadows the Christ Tree, which only Jesus Christ could decorate for us, ornamented with nails such as these."



From that Christmas on, the little Pine was the best Christmas tree he could be.

During each Christmas, he proudly wore his lights and ornaments. He grew tall and majestic and stood over the Nativity with honor.

And, just like Roger had said about representing the true Christ Tree, the little Pine stayed strong and true.

He kept himself evergreen just like the everlasting love and forgiveness of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

And he never forgot the lesson that he learned from the little Cardinal: we all have a purpose in our lives and God makes no mistakes.

Oklahoma Lane School gym revisited

This bit of history came from David Willard, a 1957 Farwell High graduate:

In 1948, the Oklahoma Lane School District consolidated with Farwell, and for a few years afterward the gymnasium was used for basketball, skating and community gatherings.

Then in 1952, the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church bought the gym-classroom building from the Farwell School District and remodeled it as a church. This was during the tenure of my father, Vernon E. Willard, who was pastor from 1951 to 1957.

Several years ago when I came back to visit, Harold Carpenter called to my attention an interesting note about the building: from the 1930's to the time it became a church, kids had penciled their names on the cream-colored bricks just outside the doors, and many of the names are still legible. This graffiti is unobtrusive, and many who have been students at the school and members of the church are unaware it is there. But for some of us, some of the names bring back poignant memories.

There are, for example, several names that originated from the Farwell Class of 1956 (skating party?): Glenna Davis, Betty Routon, Marilyn Austin, Betty Hubbell, Bert Williams, Linda Kube, Troy (Christian).

Glenna was one of the Piggly Wiggly Davises and a formidable center on the basketball team. Marilyn married Dean Jones, whose family were members of the church. And many of Troy's family and relatives have been students and church members.

Other names are mysteries to me, but may not be to

some of the Tribune's readers -- "Rankin, N York City, NY" and "Forence Reeves, Knox City."

But what a flood of memories came rushing in when I saw on one a brick, in a boy's neat printing, the name "Bel." She was my sister, Bel Willard, three years older than I. She, I and Lynn Carpenter, the Baptist preacher's son who lived across the road, used to leave a window unlocked after a skating party so we could get in to skate when nobody was around. And then, of course, Bel and Lynn could have some time together away from parents' eyes.

Shelby Jobs, the junior high coach at Farwell, lived next door, and it was his job to oversee the building. He would hear the skates and come in and shoo us out, mumbling, "I don't know how you kids get in here." We never told him.

Then just before what would have been Bel's senior year, 1953-54, Lotte and Mayor, Lynn's parents, moved to Carlsbad, N.M. Shortly before school started, Bel and Lynn married and followed them there. After recovering somewhat from the shock, my mother, Belle, and the community ladies brought Bel back and gave her a shower. Young love was off to a good start.

But a few weeks later, Bel died in a tragic gun accident, and we brought her back to Oklahoma Lane for the funeral. She is buried in Oklahoma Lane Cemetery.

And, yes, after I looked at a few more bricks, there it was: "Lynn Truett Carpenter." So in the case of the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church, the walls do talk.

Harold Carpenter, of Oklahoma Lane, brought Willard's story to the Tribune, and added some other facts about the old gym building.

Besides the skating parties, the building was used for school plays, box suppers, country singing conventions and basketball tournaments. It's also where folks registered for the draft in 1940, and where you came to get ration stamps during World War II.

The gym served as the initial meeting place for the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative board, and Carpenter was its first board member.

Carpenter also recalled that the gym hosted a donkey basketball game in 1949, with proceeds going to buy uniforms for the Farwell School Band.

Carpenter also reported that Willard is a retired English professor at Bakersfield (Calif.) College, where he has been his entire professional career.

Conduct code change suggested at Lazbuddie

The Lazbuddie School Board on Dec. 12 received a recommendation from a group of teachers to change the Student Code of Conduct.

The board tabled the recommendation and will look at it later. Questions that need to be answered first involved procedures and levels of appeal, for example.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a student transfer. The student has been attending Lazbuddie Schools but his family has moved out of the district.

- Approved Sophia Pacheco as a substitute cafeteria employee.

- Noted that students get an early out on Dec. 21 at 1:30 p.m. for Christmas vacation. Staff returns on Jan. 2 and students return on Jan. 3.

- Was told that the state has mandated schools to put together plans that will tell instructional aides about the importance of returning to school and getting teacher certificates. And the state urges local schools to hire aides who intend to return to school. This is due to the teacher shortage in Texas.

- Approved the audit from CPA Randy Field.

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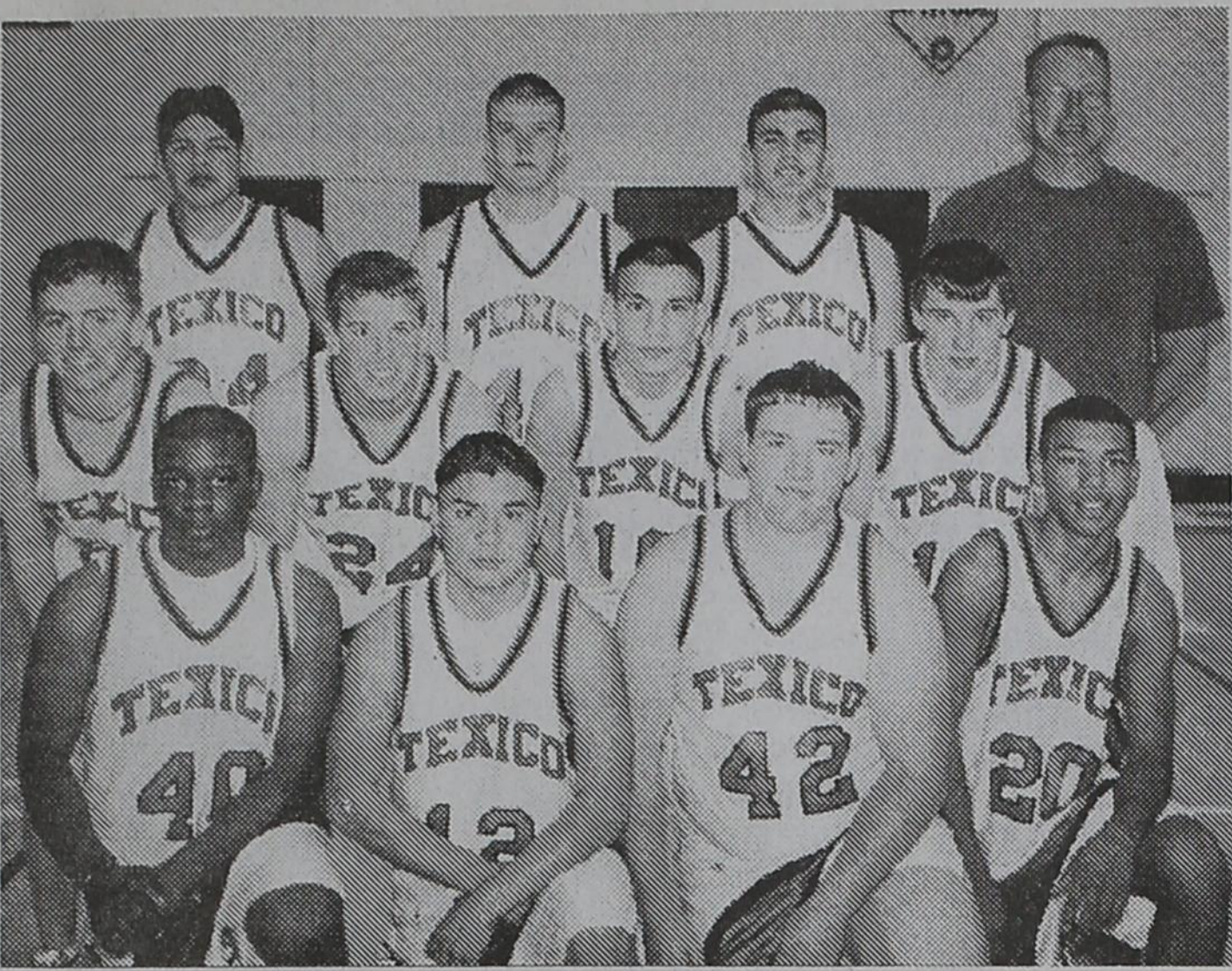
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Texico varsity boys

The Wolverines, back row from left, Mikie Cardenas, Kyle Duncan, Marcos Loera, coach Richard Luscombe; middle row, Logan Brown, Braden Vaughan, Adrian Loera, Mark Peabody; front row, Anthony Askew, Johnny Rivera, Bryce Bailey, Tony Clements. Not pictured is Shane Mayfield.



Texico 7th Boys

Texico's 7th grade boys team includes, back row from left, Coach Zarate, Blaine Bradley, Olbein Gutierrez, Adam Engram, Cole Dawkins; middle row, Justin Garrison, Buddy Jorde, Ruben Lindley, Robert Fuentes, Ethan McDaniel; front row, Sterling Bowers, Wacey Williams, Michael Reid, William Klebold, Bryan Reeser.



Texico varsity girls

The Texico Lady Wolverines, back row from left, Coach Roy King, Jazzie Walls, Ashley Kidd, Elizabeth Richards, assistant coach Buddy Little; middle row, Brette Hadley, Kelsi Cain, Sissy Loper, Nicole Richards, Carrie Rucker; front row, Melissa Roberts, Dru Mayfield, Jennifer Roberts, Megan Brown.

6 Wolverines earn berths on state grid All-Star team

Three Texico Wolverines were listed on the Associated Press Class 1 All-Star football team:

On the first team were Ross Prokop, offensive lineman; Tyrell Garrett, defensive back, and Johnny Soliz, linebacker.

On the second team were offensive lineman Anthony Askew, running back Adrian Loera, and defensive end Kyle Duncan.

Marriage Licenses

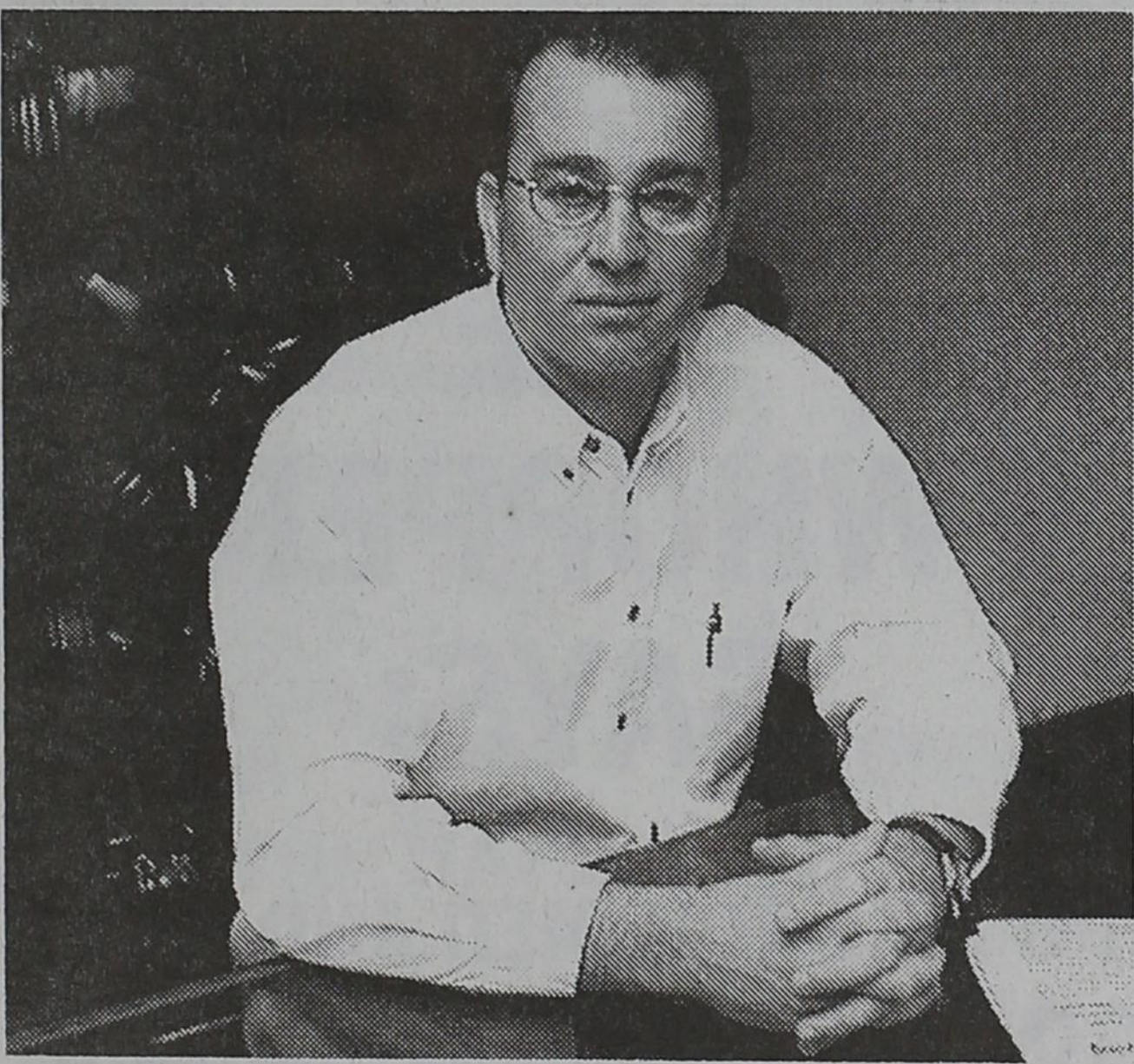
The Parmer County clerk's office issued a marriage license last week to Tommy Rey and Rosa Hernandez.



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Farwell varsity girls

The Farwell Lady Blue includes, back row from left, Jessica Chandler, Brandi Bailey, Coach Steve Scott, Leesa Patterson, Cassie Street; middle row, Chelsea Meyer, Jaimie Diaz, Hailey Grimes, Chrystal Wolven; front row, Mindi Roberts and Lacey Actkinson.



Farwell varsity boys

The Farwell Steers includes, back row from left, assistant coach Brian Johnson, Jeff Delgado, Thomas Ortiz, Tucker Crawford, Gage Gregory, Grant Gregory, Coach Kirk Saul; front row, Carlos Garcia, Fidel Ruiz, Tyler Scott, Taylor Nichols, Zac Schilling.

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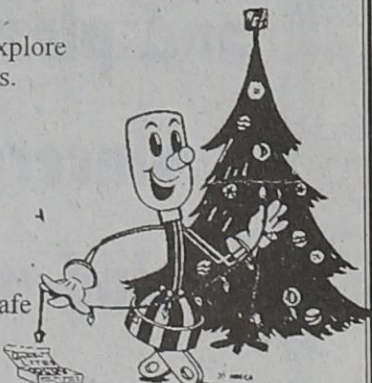
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Kidd sparks Texico JV Girls

Varsity Girls

The Lady Wolverines ran their record to 5-1 with a 51-41 pasting of Ft. Sumner on Dec. 11. Scoring were Jennifer Roberts, 22; Elizabeth Richards, 18; Jazzi Walls, 2; Carrie Rucker, 5, and Dru Mayfield, 4. Roberts had 7 boards and 7 assists. Richards led in steals with 3. Roberts hit 4 of 7 3-point tries, and Richards was 2 of 4.

iel, 4; and Aaron Vaughan, 12.

Texico's 8-A Boys fell to Yucca, 52-16, Monday.

Scoring were Logan Potts, 4; Curtis Williams and Ricky Burns, 2 each; and Aaron Vaughan, 8.

Texico's 8-B Boys lost to Yucca, 36-7. Scoring were Dustin McDaniel, 3; and Tyler Heaton, 4.

Varsity Boys

The Texico Wolverines lost to Shallowater, 70-39, on Dec. 14.

Scoring were Marcos Loera, 17; Adrian Loera, 10; Kyle Duncan, 4; Braden Vaughan, 5; Bryce Bailey, 1, and Johnny Rivera, 2.

Marcos Loera led in rebounds with 6, in steals with 3 and in assists with 4. He also made 3 of 6 3-point attempts.

On Dec. 11, Texico beat Ft. Sumner, 56-46.

Scoring were Marcos Loera, 12; Adrian Loera, 16; Rivera, 10; Vaughan, 4; Duncan, 9; Anthony Askew and Logan Brown, 2 each, and Tony Clements, 1.

Askew and Adrian Lo-

era had 5 boards each. Rivera and Duncan had 3 steals apiece.

JV Girls

Texico's JV Girls slipped by Ft. Sumner on Dec. 11, 37-36.

Scoring were Amber Parmer, Sissy Loper and Kehley Merrill, 2 each; Jazzi Walls, 6; Megan Brown, 7; and Ashley Kidd, 18.

The JV Girls are now 7-0.

Texico's JV Girls blew past Faith Temple on Monday, 76-39.

Texico is now 9-1.

Scoring were Ashley Smith, 7; Lauren Boazman, 20; Amber Parmer, 25; Kehley Merrill, 14; and Christina Clark, 10.

With 6 boards each were Smith, Boazman and Parmer. Boazman had 9 steals and Parmer 5. Boazman led in assists with 8 and Merrill had 5.

Texico's JV Girls lost to Shallowater, 45-34, on Dec. 14.

Scoring were Jazzi Walls, 8; Sissy Loper, 7; Ashley Smith, Amber Parmer, Brette Hadley and Kehley Merrill, 4 each; Megan Brown, 2; and Lauren Boazman, 1.

On Dec. 13, Texico wiped out Marshall 9th, 77-15. Scoring were Smith, 21; Parmer, 22; Boazman, 7; Loper, 9; Brenda Cardenas, 4; Merrill, 6, and Christina Clark, 8.

JV Boys

Texico's JV Boys beat up on Ft. Sumner, 53-28.

Scoring were Martin Castillo and Logan Brown, 2 each; Corey Bell, 8; Garrett Mayfield and Tony



Texico 8th Girls

The Texico 8th grade girls team, back row from left, Coach Amy Kelley, Krystal Williams, Erika Autrey, Lacy Price, Jessica Harris, Lori Richardson; middle row, Diana Reynoso, Bailey Ortiz, Sarah Johnson, Mollie Peterson, Caitlyn Cary, Marisela Vega, Dorothy Ortiz; front row, Taryn Allen, Kelli Dunahoe, Karlee Johnson, Skyla Cockerham, Cassie Smith.

7th Boys

Texico's 7-A Boys lost to Marshall last week, 47-11.

Scoring were Justin Garrison, 5; Ruben Lindley, 3; Michael Reid, 2, and William Klebold, 1.

Texico's 7-B Boys fell to Marshall "B" last week, 40-2. Bryan Reeser had Texico's bucket.

Texico's 7th Grade Boys lost to Yucca, 42-13, on Monday.

Scoring were Wacey Williams, 1; Justin Garrison and Ruben Lindley, 4 each; and Michael Reid and Blaine Bradley, 2 each.

"C" Boys

Texico's "C" Boys lost to Faith Temple, 70-43, on Monday.

Scoring were Josh

Pena, 9; Jason Manasco, 7; Mario Cardenas, 10; Ricky Fuentes, 13; and Gabe Sena and Aaron Cardenas, 2 apiece.

7th Girls

Texico's 7th Grade Girls lost to Yucca, 32-21.

Scoring were Khalee Hatcher, 3; Anjelica Serna, 4; Leslie Vannatta, 8; and Bethany Hutton, 6.

8th Girls

Texico's 8th grade girls fell to Yucca, 50-34.

Scoring were Erika Autrey, 8; Lori Richardson, 4; Sarah Johnson, 6; Krystal Williams, 12; and Jessica Harris, 2.

Texico's 8-B Girls were nipped by Yucca, 11-9.

Scoring were Taryn Allen and Krystal Williams, 2 each; Bailey Ortiz, 1; and Marisela Vega, 4.



Cresta Crow and Michele Littlejohn

Cresta Crow wins contest

Texico High School senior Cresta Crow is the post winner of the Clovis Veterans of Foreign Wars "Voice of Democracy" scholarship contest. Area high school students wrote and recorded a 3 to 5 minute theme, entitled "Reaching Out to America's Future." Cresta received a \$500

scholarship and has been nominated to the VFW state competition. State winners will vie for a national award -- a \$25,000 college scholarship. \$100 scholarship grants were donated to schools in honor of four other contestants, including Texico's Michele Littlejohn.

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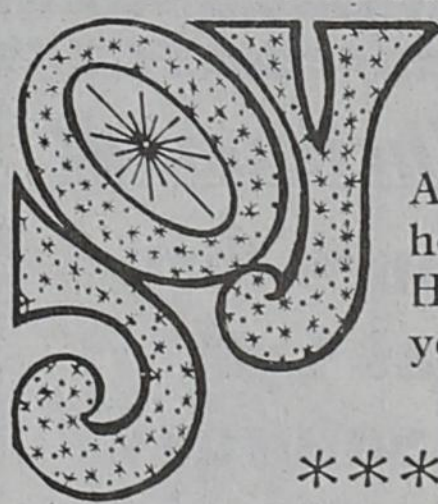
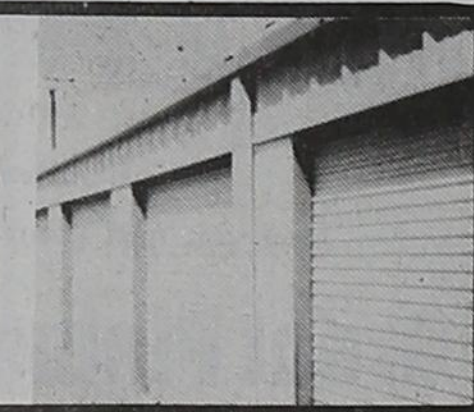
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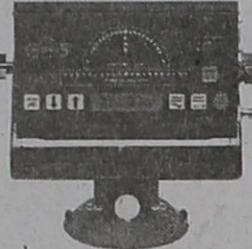


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ter, 9; Nikki Gober, 10, and Danielle Cargile, 4.

8th Boys
Farwell's 8th grade boys are 6-2 after doubling up on Kress, 48-24, on Monday.

Scoring were Ty Gast, 13; Fabian Reyes, 14; Logan McFarland, 1; Colby Norton and Luis Olmos, 6 each; Rodolfo Garcia, 4, and Matthew Edwards and Jon Beaubien, 2 apiece.

7th Boys
Farwell's 7th grade boys are 4-1 are downing Kress, 35-27, on Monday.

Scoring were Alex Olmos and Dan Patterson, 2 each; Brett Howard, 6; Cory Chadwick, 9; Derrick Chandler, 12, and Tyler Vandiver, 4.

7th Girls
Farwell's 7th grade girls had an easy win over Kress on Monday, 39-1.

Kress only scored one free throw.

Scoring were Salida Edwards, 14; Brenda Cano, 4; Britton Barrett, 9; Sarah Herington, 2; Delani Jones, 6, and Amanda Martin, 3.

8th Girls
Farwell's 8th grade girls beat up on Kress, 27-18, on Monday.

Scoring were Jennifer DeLeon, 6; Robin Telt-schik, 4; Beatriz Garcia, 13, and Kristen Garcia, 2.

"C" Boys
Farwell's "C" Boys are 5-1 after whipping Kress, 60-23.

Scoring were Carlos Saenz and Rowdy Mitchell, 7 each; Chris Culver, 11; Jason Sudderth, 12; Jarod Scott, 6, and Jeremie Chandler, 17.

Farwell folks hurt in mishap

Murlene Smith, of Farwell, and her brother, Darrell Crook, of Farwell, were injured in a 4-vehicle collision on the Brownfield Highway in Lubbock on Friday.

Mrs. Smith received 120 stitches, but was back at work in the Parmer County sheriff's office on Tuesday.

Crook suffered three broken ribs and is at home.

Mrs. Smith said her vehicle was struck from behind, and pushed into oncoming traffic where it was broadsided.

Alcohol problem to cause rule change

The Farwell City Council on Tuesday discussed tightening Farwell Community Center rules to help prevent alcohol being used at events there.

Previously, a three-member quasi-governmental committee had overseen the center.

But the council plans to pass an ordinance which basically puts it in charge.

The proposed ordinance, which was tabled on Tuesday, has one major change:

If you plan a party there, you will need a police officer present. The reason for this is to make sure alcohol is not used.

The city has had a problem with alcohol abuse at the center when folks have private events.

The ordinance includes dances, weddings, receptions, baptisms, celebrations, etc. Exemptions would be allowed.

The reason the ordinance was not passed immediately was because some councilmen wanted a clarification to make sure there was no discrimination present in its list of events where a police officer is needed.

Councilman Tim Kasel was bothered by "baptisms" being included in the list where a police officer was needed.

Also, a question arose whether to allow those using the center to hire their own officer, or to mandate that they use the city police chief (which would necessitate a higher fee).

The current fee for a dance, for example, is \$300, plus \$200 deposit.

Councilwoman Ysleta Kittrell urged that a "no alcohol" sign be placed in the center.

In other business, the council:

Met with property owner Dr. Nancy Chasteen involving the easement needed for the planned water main project.

The engineers had laid out the easement so that

it would go through the middle of her 30-acre wheat field.

But Mayor Jimmie Mace assured her that that won't happen, and that the main will run to the north of the field.

Approved a metal storage building at 210 6th St. for the Farwell Convalescent Center.

Received a letter from Cox Communications that their rates were going up, as of Feb. 1.

The limited basic rate will go from \$11.95 to \$12.55. The expanded basic rate will go from \$19.95 to \$20.95. The addressable converter will go from \$3 to \$3.70.

Opened bids for the water project. Due to their high cost, re-bids may be sought. The council voted to give Mace and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Stanton authority to accept or reject the bids. If they reject them, they can re-bid them.

The well bids came in between \$74,000 and \$88,000. The pipeline bids came in between \$92,550 and \$135,874.

Gave Police Chief Robert Achterberg approval to buy an alcohol detector (to use on people's breath) for \$250. He plans to sell a gun to help offset the cost.

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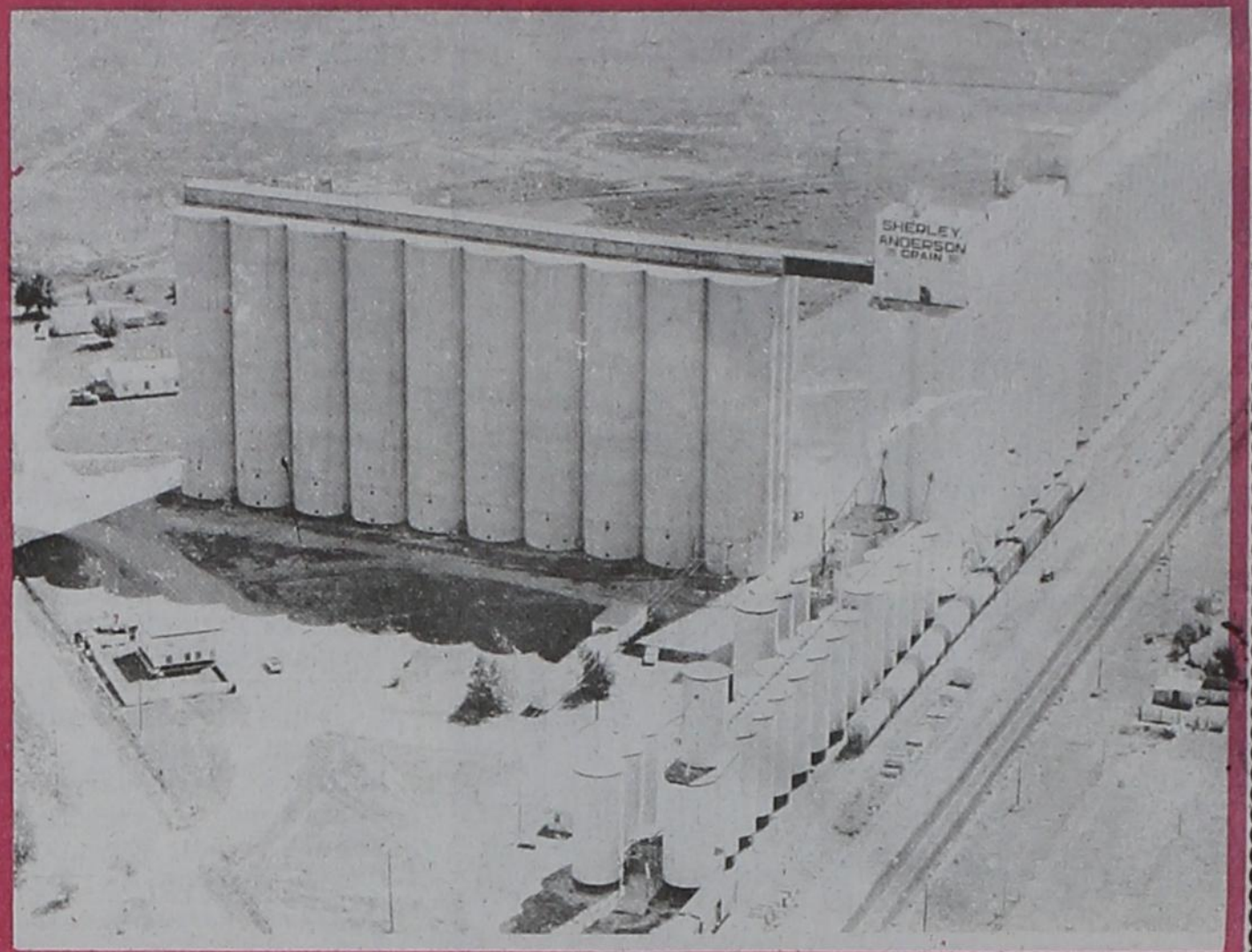
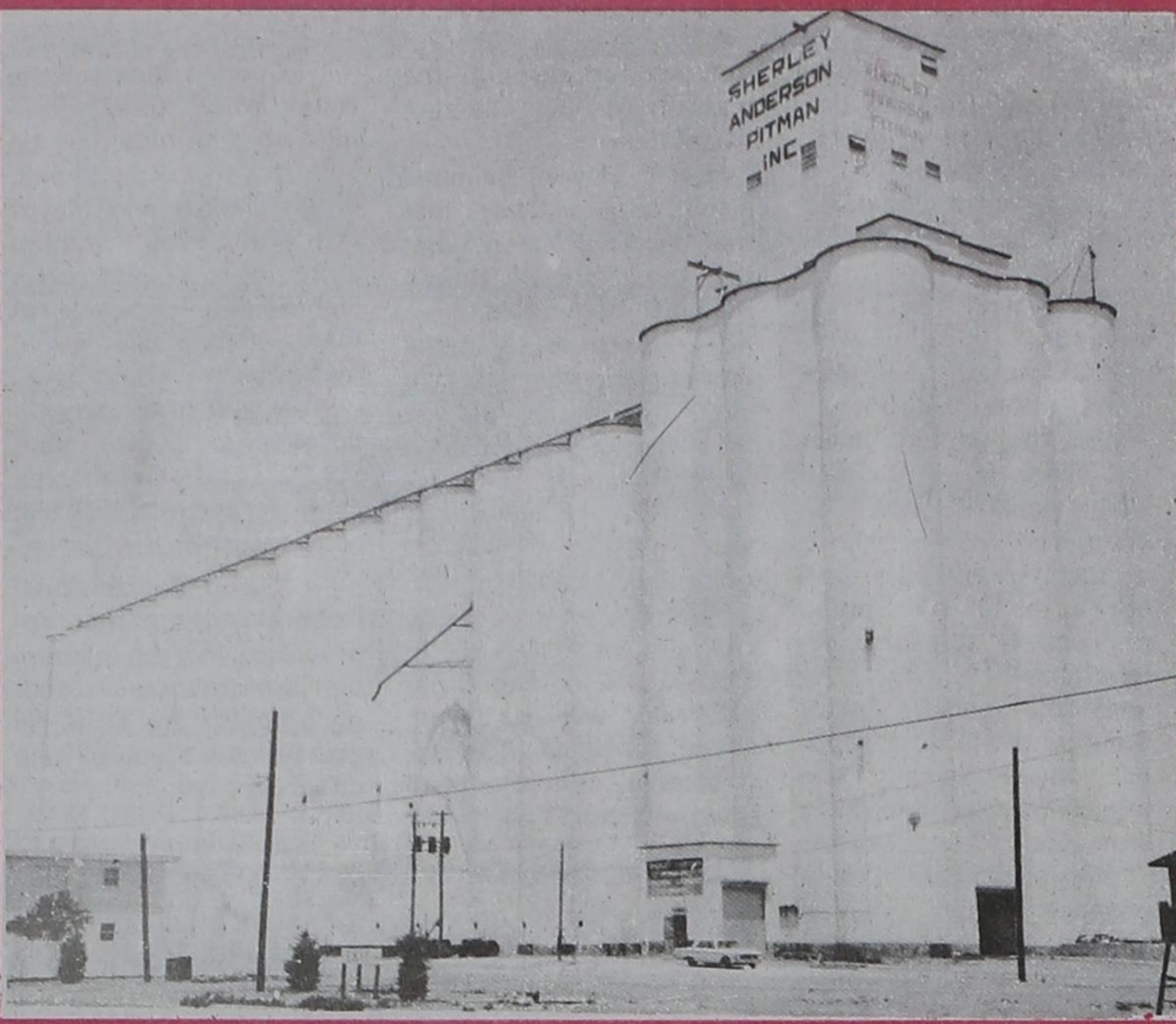
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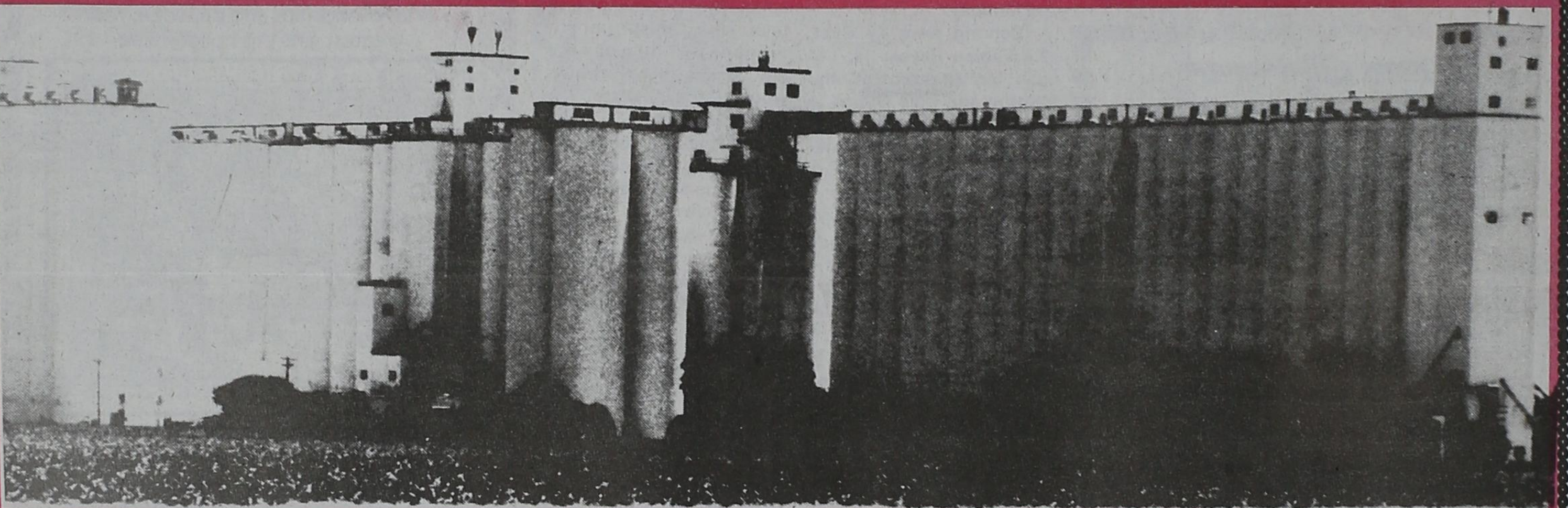
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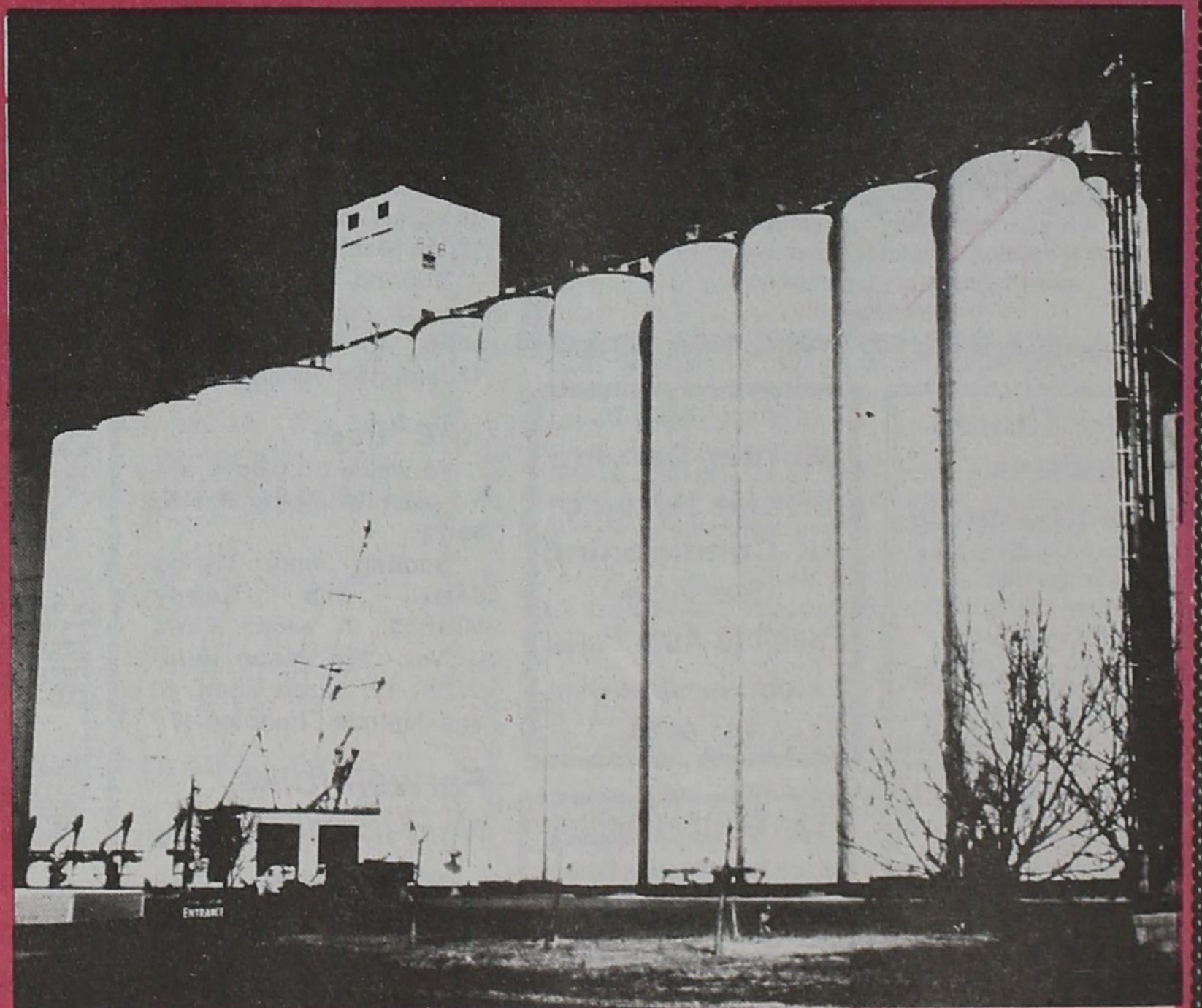
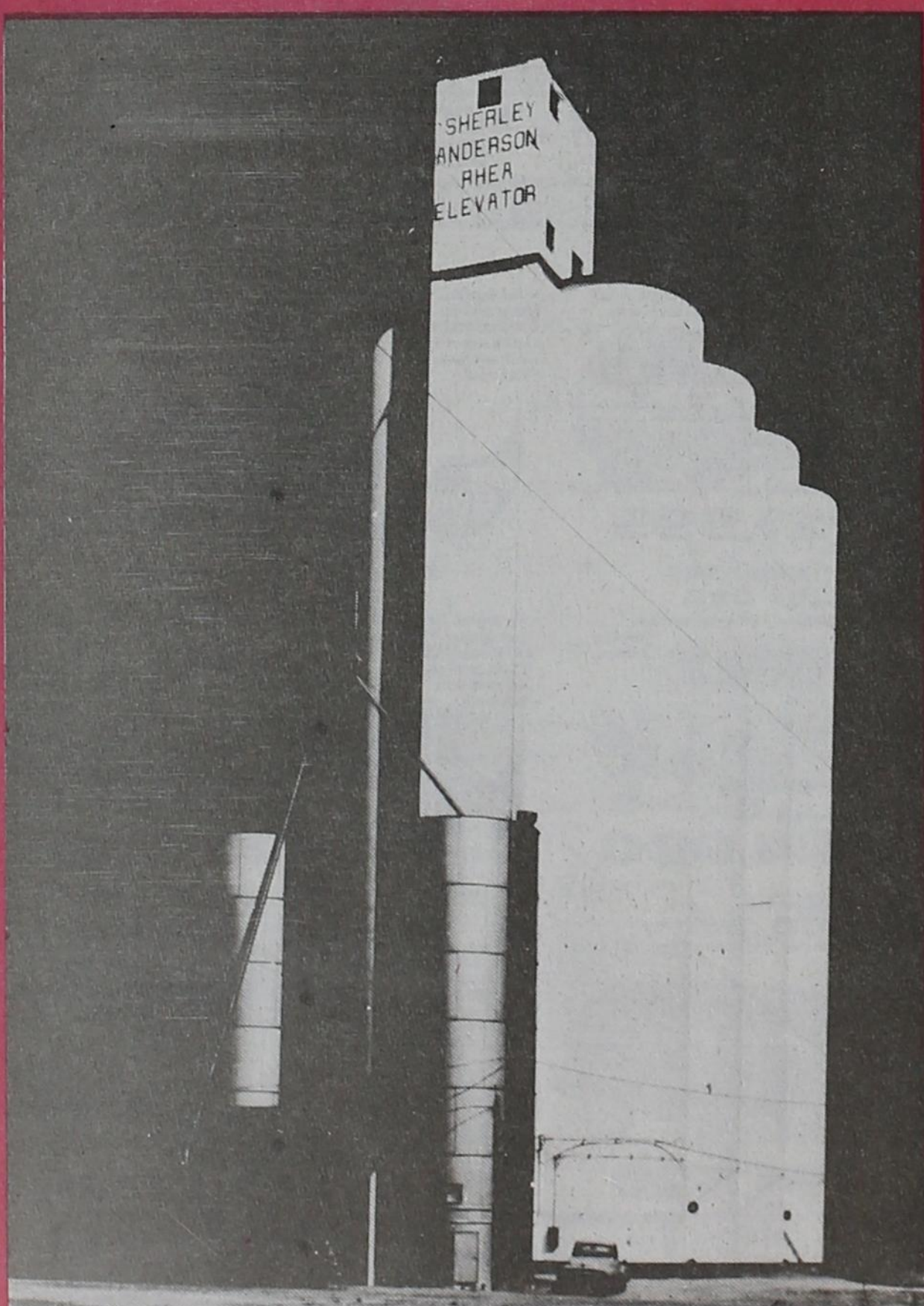
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'My Christmas wish is for the people in Afghanistan to come to Texas'

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Please give my mom a jump rope, my daddy a basketball, my sister a new CD, my brother a toy airplane, and an easy bake oven for me.
Karen Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a Christmas basket, dad a saw blade, Morgan a CD, Ballard a Nintendo, and a bike for me.
Shelby Saul

Dear Santa,
Please give Russell toy caves, mom a new robe, dad a screwdriver, Dillan a toy truck, and a breakable horse for me.
Tyler Schilling

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a robe, dad a laptop case, Mason a toy tractor, Ryan a football and a cheerleading suit for me.
Jessica Stewart

Dear Santa,
Please give my sister a baby doll, my mom a TV, my dad a football, Jessica a scooter, and a soccer net for me.
Heather Stover

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a new house, my dad a new car, my sister new makeup, my brother toys, and a gameboy color for me.
Lucia Torres

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter and a pack of teacher stuff. I hope you give my family and me a happy Christmas. My mom and sister want a make-up set and my dad wants a pretty house.
Mirna Reynoso

Dear Santa,
Please give me a Harry Potter toy and clothes. My mom would like jewelry. My dad would like a new watch. My sister would like lipgloss. My baby sister would like a new born baby. Please give

us presents.
Paul Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Please can you bring me a toy Rudolph? Can I also have a real horse that I can handle?
Rylee DeRuyter

Dear Santa,
I want you to be safe every year. I want some basketball shoes and blue basketball shirt.
Jesus Rivera

Dear Santa,
May I have a little oven, a password journal, and a big blue bear that I can sleep inside the skin? Also a pair of shoes that turn into skates. I want these things so I can make cakes and so I can use the bear to sleep in. I want to use the password journal like a diary and I want the skate shoes so I can learn how to skate. My Christmas wish is for all the people on the earth to have food, water, and a home and everything they need.
Paola Estrada

Dear Santa,
May I have the movies, Monsters Incorporated and Scooby Doo and the Alien Invaders? I would also like a big wheeled scooter, a backpack with wheels and a Christmas tree globe. My Christmas wish is to help my grandpa get well.
Jarrod Kaleb Jesko

Dear Santa,
I want a baby sister and a playhouse for Christmas. Also can you bring me a playpen, a stroller, and a walker. My Christmas wish is

that I wish everybody was OK and had food, clothes, and homes.
Jordan Mason

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a new baby carrier and a new playpen because my baby stuff is no good. Would you also bring me a new baby doll and a Monsters Incorporated movie. Would you also bring me a Game Boy Advance? Finally would you bring me a Password Journal. My Christmas wish is for the battle in Afghanistan to stop.
Kylie McGehee

Dear Santa,
I want a B.B. gun and a three-wheeler. I also want the movie Scooby Doo and the Cyber Chase. I wish that the war would stop.
Kenton Randolph

Dear Santa,
I want a Game Boy and two cool games. I also would like the Pokemon Three movie. Please bring me ten books. Could you please bring all the stuff my mom and dad want and one box of Legos. Please Santa. My Christmas wish is for the battle in Afghanistan to stop.
Hector Montelongo

Dear Santa,
May I have a movie about the Grinch and a Game Boy and some Legos. I would also like a four-wheeler and some play dough. My Christmas wish is for my grandma to get well.
Luis Tafoya

Dear Santa,
I would like a four-

wheeler for Christmas. May I have a saddle, spurs and chaps so I can ride my horse? I would also like a B.B. gun and a remote control monster truck. Santa, my Christmas wish is that the Afghanistan people could come to Texas.
David Anstead

Dear Santa,
I want the movie Monsters Incorporated and a four-wheeler for Christmas. Also I would like a Game Boy Advance and the movie, The Grinch. My Christmas wish is that my Dad could have good crops for his cattle.
Emily Agee

Dear Santa,
I want the Movie Monsters Incorporated, Shred, Scooby Doo and the Cyber Chase, and Osmoses Jones. I also want a Game Boy Advance and a new fishing pole. My Christmas wish is that the war would stop.
Dallas Lynn Cox

Dear Santa,
I would like the movies, Shredk and Monsters Incorporated. I would also like some boots and chaps. My Christmas wishes are for American to be OK and for my little cousins to feel OK.
Justin Schacher

Dear Santa,
Can I please have candy in my stocking? I would like these movies, Shrek, Osmoses Jones, and How the Grinch Stole Christmas. I would also like a Game Boy Advance with the game Spongebob Square Pants. Finally Santa, I would like a B.B. gun. My Christmas wish

is for peace on earth and for the war to stop.
Todd Nichols

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a

kitten, my dad a new work suit, my little brother a Max Steel toy, my baby brother an Elmo kite, and for me a kitten and a puppy.
Alicia Bermea



Farwell 9th Girls

Farwell's 9th grade girls team, coached by Steve Scott, includes, back row from left, Shaleena Laverty, Lindsay Vandiver, Tara Sanchez, Amanda Barnes; front row, Melissa Howard, Shannon Street.

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Dear Santa,
I want a big Barbie and a
little Barbie and some
clothes and some shoes for
the Barbies. I have been a
rave girl.
Nancy Marrufo

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control
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dress for my mom and a tie
for my dad.

Roberto Porras
Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle for
Christmas. I have not been
bad at school.
Haldon Ivy

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and a
baby, that's all.
Anais Andrade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Batman toy.

My sister wants a Barbie. My
mom would like a special
snack. See you at Christmas.
Jose Robledo

I would like a pink bike. It
has flowers. My brother will
like roller skate shoes. My
mom will like new shoes.
Dad will like anything you
give him.
Ashton Mason

Dear Santa,
I want a little cat and a
rabbit. My little sister wants a
Barbie and a little dog.
Selena Marquez

Dear Santa,

How do the elves makes
toys? I want a real horse. I
will name it Twinkle. I will
ride it every day.
Haley Beasley

Dear Santa,
Is there snow on the
North Pole? We had a snow
last week. I got to play in the
snow. I want wrestlers for
Christmas. I want Triple H,
the Rock, and Stone Cold.
My mom wants a new ring.
My dad wants a watch.
Brandon Rowand

Dear Santa,
How's Rudolph? How is
Prancer? Are the elves busy

making toys? Can I please
have a jet airplane? I would
also like a dirt bike. Cambry
likes baby dolls. Kolby
needs a new pacy. My mom
needs a red, heart bowl. Dad
needs a new fishing pole.
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Cutter Glover

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Will the elves make me a
toy? I want a toy truck. My
sister wants a baby. Mom
wants a new TV. My dad likes
to watch horses on TV.
Daniel Diaz

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me
a game boy and a computer?
My little brother wants a
Power Ranger gun. My mom
wants tennis shoes with
skates. My dad likes a mo-
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Albert Moran

Dear Santa,
Can the elves build toys?
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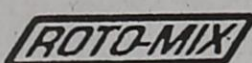
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Missionaries included, from left, Glen Godsey, Less Griffen, Richard Laverty, Aaron Reed and Gene Meachom.

Rev. Richard Laverty participates in mission trip to Spain

by Teresa Mesman

As Rev. Richard Laverty caught his flight back home from Europe this past October, he had chance to reflect on the beautiful scenery, the historical castles, walls and byways that he had been surrounded by during his week long trip.

But for all the beauty, culture and history that Rev. Laverty was exposed to, he wasn't distracted from his purpose for being overseas.

Rev. Richard Laverty was a man on a mission.

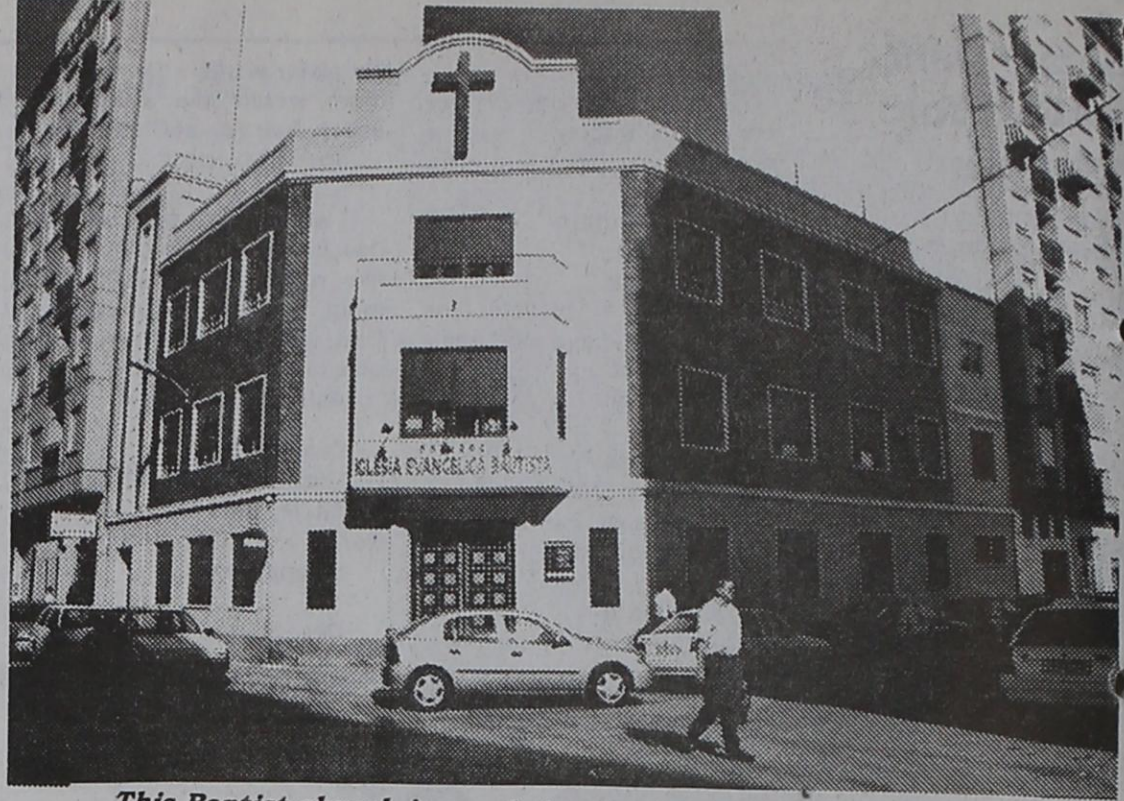
A mission to help bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all those that can be reached through the growing mission field in the European nation of Spain.

Rev. Laverty was one of five men that traveled to Spain Sept. 27 through Oct. 3 representing Baptist churches from the Caprock Plains Baptist Area. This is the umbrella group that is formed by three associations of churches from the Panhandle, Northwest and West Texas regions.

The First Baptist Church of Farwell is a member of the Llano Altos Baptist Association. This association agreed to take part in a partnership with the Spanish Baptist churches in the area of Valencia, which is on the Mediterranean coast of Spain.

Iglesia Evangelica Bautista is in the relatively new beginnings of bringing the Gospel to the people of Spain.

There are currently 70 Baptist churches in Spain. These 70 churches are now mission points that, with the help of Rev. Laverty and other able missionaries, will begin to grow throughout Spain.



This Baptist church is now being used for German worship services. First Baptist members have grown beyond the facility.

The Roman Catholic Church is the official state church of Spain. It was the traditional church throughout Spain for centuries, but the government proclaimed it to be the official church 25 years ago.

Spain was a major territory for the Crusades that took place in medieval times and the evidences of the Crusades are still prominent today throughout the country.

The Iglesia Evangelica Bautista represents a small portion of the country, but it is gaining members through the help of its American counterparts.

To help understand just how big the mission field is in Spain, Rev. Laverty drew this comparison:

"In Spain, there is one Baptist church for every 625,000 people. In the state of Texas, there is one Baptist church for every 3,000 people. On a more specific scale, in Spain there are three (Baptist) churches per every 2 million people. In the city of Houston, Texas, the population is 2 million and there are nearly 550 (Baptist) churches."

The mission team included Gene Meachem, Director of Missions, Glen Godsey, Assoc. Dir. of Missions, Rev. Les Griffen, of Crosbyton, Rev. Aaron Reed, of Hart and Rev. Laverty of Farwell.

Rev. Laverty visited the cities of Valencia, Deñia, Gandia, Xativa, Segunto, Castello, Petres, Chiva, Turis and Requena. There are currently Baptist churches in each of these cities that are being helped by the Caprock Plains Baptist Area of churches.

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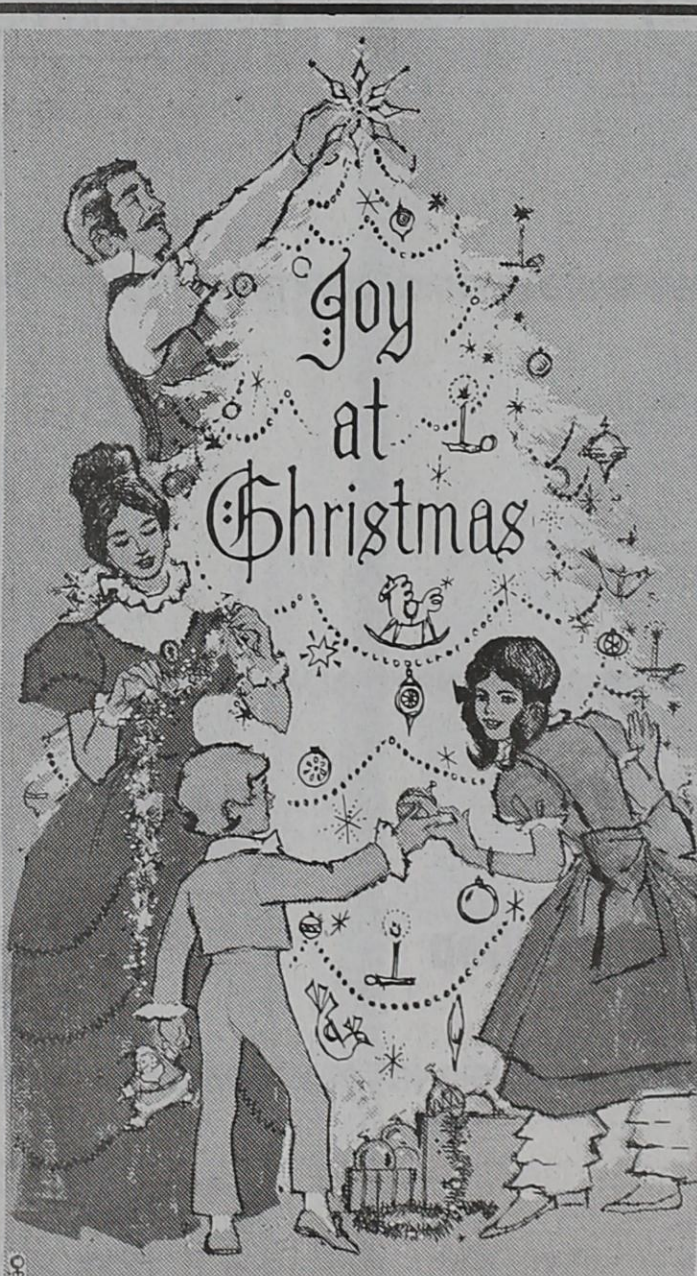
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Gabbie

Dear Santa,
I want a 4 wheeler, mini scooter and the movie "Monster Inc."
Riley Teltschik

I want snow boots, fashion kitty and Cds.
Cassidy Martin

Tyler Davis

Dear Santa,
Please give dad a saw blade, mom a pretty shirt, Tyler new headphones, Kory a new rope, and a toy cattle truck for me.
Austin Pemberton

Aspyn Reames

Dear Santa,
The first thing I would like for Christmas is a trampoline and second of all if a volleyball. Please bring a toy truck for my baby brother and for my sister clothes. My mom will like a dress and my dad some tools.
Dulce Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a jeep, a motorcycle toy, a race car, and a bike I could ride and it's real big! And I want a scooter bike.
Zackary Alvarado

Dear Santa,
I want some play hair stuff, polly, and a Britney Spears doll.
Olivia Schilling

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline, coloring book and color markers.
Clara Reyes

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a dress, Brenda a bike, Miream a shirt, Selene a Barbie, and a puppy for me.
Ryan DeLeon

Dear Santa,
Please give me a lap top computer. Please give my brother a blue and green bike for Christmas. Please give Dan a little play Dodge pick-up. And please give my mom a shirt with a picture of Santa.
Jessica Reyes

Dear Santa,
I want a red megazor and bring it to my house.
Houston Cox

Dear Santa,
I want to share other toys with everyone else. Friends are made of God. Be nice to each other. Santa gives us toys. Will you bring me some?
Janae

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie jeep, Barbie, and spelling game.
Kayla Cullison

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, book and jacket.
Katie Slack

Luis Delgado

Dear Santa,
Please give me a lap top computer. Please give my brother a blue and green bike for Christmas. Please give Dan a little play Dodge pick-up. And please give my mom a shirt with a picture of Santa.
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Hello Santa,
I want a remote control megazor, a toy zebra, a squeaky dinosaur and a Power Ranger.
Jonathan Jesko

Dear Santa,
I would like a motor cycle, a roping steer and gameboy games.
Hayden Hadley

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie jeep, Barbie, and spelling game.
Kayla Cullison

Dear Santa,
I want pyjamas, shoes and Barbies.
Miranda Loera

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a new Christmas CD, Harrison an Elmo video, my dad a pool table, my dog a chew toy, and a digital camera for me.
Pace Fly

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Please give me a lap top computer. Please give my brother a blue and green bike for Christmas. Please give Dan a little play Dodge pick-up. And please give my mom a shirt with a picture of Santa.
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Hello Santa,
I want a remote control megazor, a toy zebra, a squeaky dinosaur and a Power Ranger.
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Dear Santa,
I would like Pokemon, space ship and a robot.
Victor Moreno

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie jeep, Barbie, and spelling game.
Kayla Cullison

Dear Santa,
Please give mommy a picture, daddy a pair of boots, Kyle a football and Keila a baby. I would like a rope and a pair of chaps.
Kory Jennings

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Dear Santa,
Please give mom a ring, Carlos a car, dad a tool box, Manal a football set, and a computer for me.
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I want a remote control megazor, a toy zebra, a squeaky dinosaur and a Power Ranger.
Jonathan Jesko

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, go cart and quantum powr ranger gun.
Adrian Reyes

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy bike, dump truck and basketball court.
Franz Loepky

Dear Santa,
Please give mom and dad a candle, Kari a doll, Karli a dress, Keenan a toy, and skip on shoes for me.
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Dear Santa,
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Dear Santa,
Please give mom a new TV, grandpa a new hammer, grandma an angel, Jessica a new sister, and a sister for me.
Adreanne Blakes

Dear Santa,
Please give Roper a chain for his dirt bike, Peyton two boxes of caps for his gun, dad a computer and a game, mom a watch, and a football set for me.
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I want a computer, food cart and play station.
Adilene Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want a .22 rifle, a big Army tank, and a go cart.
Bretton Stancell

Dear Santa,
Please give Julian a car, Nathan a game, Mom a ring, Dad a football, and a rumble robot for me.
Edgard Cuevas

Dear Santa,
Please give Christopher a bottle, mom a necklace, dad a watch, Junior a toy truck, and a scooter for me.
Lourdes Martinez

Wes-Tex Feed Yard

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Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, and powder puff girl toys.
Elizabeth Pereda

Dear Santa,
I want a bride, a jeep girl and a house for the brides.
Lydia Gomez

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a ring, brother a football set, dad a watch, cousin a toy gun, and a football set for me.

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Dear Santa,
I want some makeup, Barbie luggage and a four wheeler.
Caitlyn Stancell

Dear Santa,
I want a basketball, a play set and a jump rope.
Sierra Moseley

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ISAIAH 9:6

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It seems when you are in a big city, you are on your own. But here, in a small community, folks support each other. That's the better way.

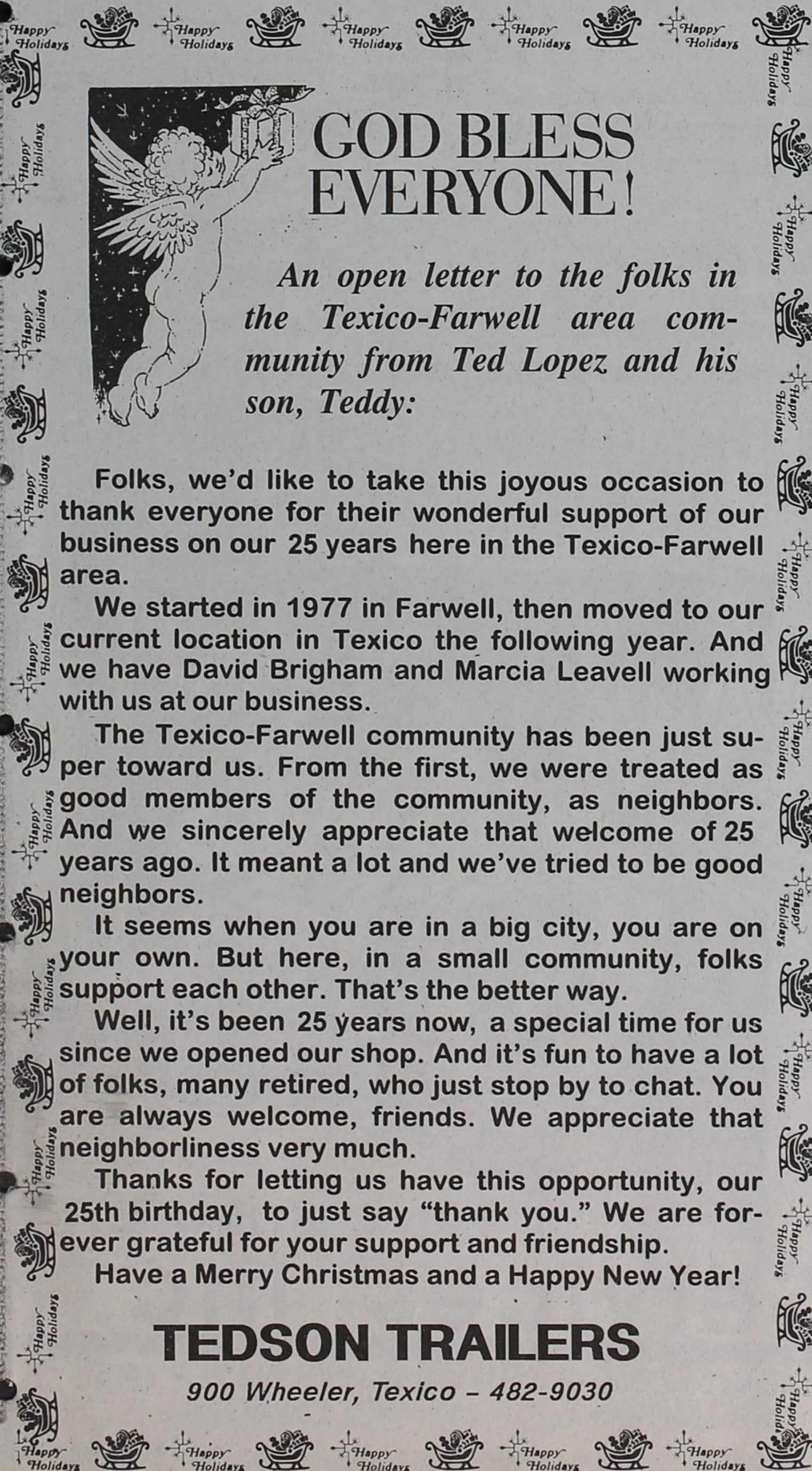
Well, it's been 25 years now, a special time for us since we opened our shop. And it's fun to have a lot of folks, many retired, who just stop by to chat. You are always welcome, friends. We appreciate that neighborliness very much.

Thanks for letting us have this opportunity, our 25th birthday, to just say "thank you." We are forever grateful for your support and friendship.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

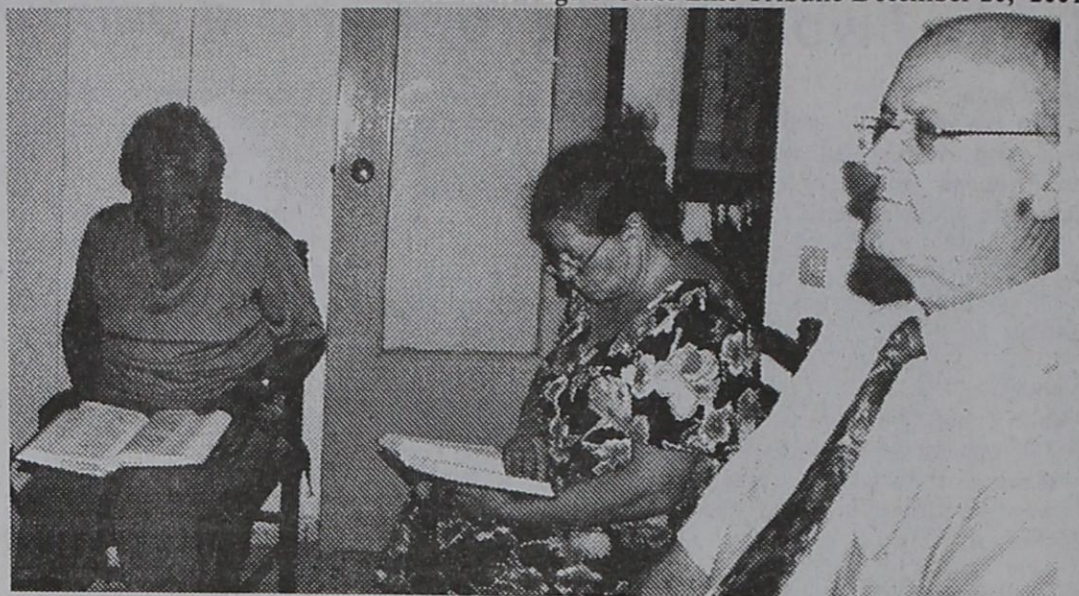
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In Xativa is an outreach ministry to youths with drug and alcohol problems. Youths work in the frame shop and hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pictured is the pastor explaining the ministry to the visitors.



A Bible study group is held in the home of a lady with a neighbor joining in. The man is Antonio Martinez, who drove the missionaries around. Antonio, from Valencia, is the man responsible for introducing Oscar Meyer hot dogs to Spain.

Mission trip

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At each church site, the ministers discussed the needs of each church. The Spanish Baptist church has needs very similar to most churches in the areas of building ministry teams, vacation bible school, acquiring and producing ministry videos and Jesus literature. They also discussed the times of the year that would be best to coordinate mission trips.

"They're also needing Tracts to pass out to help in their ministry," he stated. "Preaching and Teaching is a large need right now and that's where our help as American mission teams can be the most help."

Right now, the Caprock Plains Baptist Area has three years of mission trips in the works. The church congregations within the area are readying topics for each trip - vacation bible schools, balloon ministries, music and choir trips and revivals.

"The English as a Second Language program (ESL) is also something they are interested in as a language exchange," Rev. Laverty said.

The exchange of languages, teaching and ministry are things that are just now being able to be accomplished in Spain. Although the nation is very modern in most cities and towns, the attitude towards evangelical Christians had been oppressive and archaic.

"The Spanish showed intolerance to evangelical Christians for a long time and those individual ministers that chose not to give up were persecuted by the state for many years," he explained.

Rev. Laverty and the others got the chance to meet a 77 year old pastor from the church in Segunto and to discuss the oppression and persecution he endured.

"Perhaps the greatest task we have at hand in bringing the Gospel to the people of Spain, is in building trust and the familial-types of relationships they thrive on," explained Rev. Laverty. "This pastor talked with us about how hard it had been to gain the trust of the people. Many were afraid to openly talk or to be seen near his church because of the state persecution."

Part of the oppression of Christianity away from the official church is in the obvious lack of church fellowship and Christian books, artifacts and supplies.

"It was interesting to me that the only way many get their own Bible is to come to the Baptist church. There aren't Christian bookstores like we have here in the United States where you can get Bibles and other educational literature. We're so used to driving to town and just stopping in at these bookstores. The people in these cities are interested in reading the Bible and in learning more about Jesus. They want more information and more teaching about Jesus," he explained.

Teaching the children in Spain is another opportunity in the mission field.

The only Christian school in the Mediterranean area of Spain is in Deñis. It is a private school that was started by the Lottie Moon Mission Offering. Lottie Moon was a long time Baptist missionary to China and it was her legacy of teaching children and bringing Christ to their lives that started this world-wide mission. This is the Mission Offering that the First Baptist Church of Farwell gives to with their Christmas offering.

"The young people are eager for change and for learning according to most of the pastors we spoke to,"

said Rev. Laverty. "However, the makeup of the congregations of the churches we visited are a mix of generations. The older people are coming, but interestingly, the younger men are the ones that have been the most receptive."

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Meet Farwell's Class of 2014



Gerardo Banuelos is a kindergarten student at Farwell. His birthday is Dec. 25.

His parents are Dolores Hernandez del Hoya, Salvador Banuelos Castanon. His siblings are Alejandro B. Esmeralda B., Alondra B. Grandparents are Diego B. Ma Guadalupe C., Benjamin H. Ma de Jesus de Hoya.

His hobby is dancing and his favorite color is red. His favorite food is alvondigas. He doesn't like to see his family cry.

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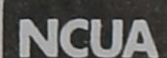


In this blessed season may you and those you love be filled with the wonder of His Birth.



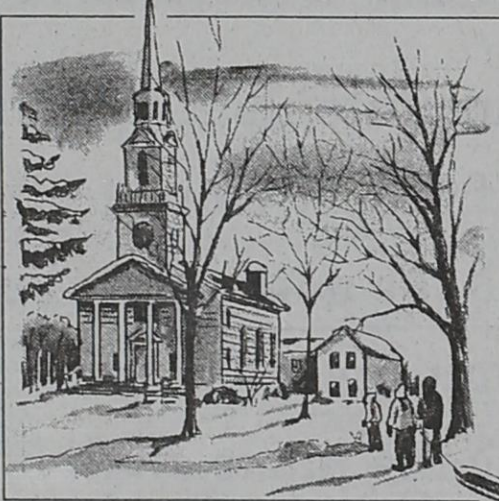
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Morgan Cary

Dear Santa,
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Shaylee Anderson

Dear Santa,
I would like a play station and Nintendo 64 and TV. I would like a Barbie for my sister and a big bike for my dad.
Lorenzo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me new snow boots and I like a dog. I am 6 and in 1st grade.
Joshua Schwope

Dear Santa,
I would like a big Barbie. I want a big car for my brother. I want a big Barbie for my sister. My mom wants a Christmas tree.
Diana Maldonado

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a book and some clothes and bracelets. Please bring my little sisters clothes.
Bianca Davalos

Dear Santa,
I would like one horse this Christmas. I want something for my mom. She wants a corgey dog.
Sabra

Dear Santa,
I want a real puppy and a swimming pool and snow boots.
Yahaira Estrada

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car and horses.
Martin Bejarano

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie and snow boots.
Angelica Nieto

Dear Santa,
I would like a jack knife. I will leave you cookies and milk and cheese.
Kyler Miller

Dear Santa,
I want a race car track with loops, new crayons, and a pogo stick that makes me jump so high.
Jonathan McCormick

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo and Barbie doll.
Abigail Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy color

Mission trip

The growing congregations are most evident in the cities of Xativa and Gandia. They have the largest churches with congregations of 300 members.

"It is exciting to see this and to hear of the progress these churches are making," said Rev. Lavery.

Next summer, a mission team is needed to go to Gandia, Spain for a mission trip. Much progress can be made during the summer months in this city because of the tourism that swells the cities' summer population. It goes from a city of 60,000 to one of over 160,000 because of its' location on the Mediterranean Ocean.

"The Spanish take a summer holiday for at least a month at a time. Gandia is a large, bustling place with all the tourists and many of those may have never heard the Gospel," Rev. Lavery explained. "It's a wonderful opportunity to share your faith and salvation."

The partnership that the First Baptist Church of Farwell is in with the area churches of Valencia provides many opportunities for local residents and church members to participate in the mission field. Gandia is just one of ten sites that are in need of mission teams.

Mission teams are comprised of four to eight people and a request has been made that at least half of the team be able to speak Spanish.

A trip is currently being coordinated for the month of June. All expenses for the trip are the individuals' responsibility.

"The people of Spain are an open, loving and very gracious people. They recognize and appreciate the sacrifice we make of our expenses and our time to come and share with them. Helping to share the Gospel and to help increase their freedom to share the Gospel,

is as rewarding to us as it is to them," Rev. Lavery shared.



The Baptist Church in Turis also has a youth camp. The visitors were fed on the top of a hill.

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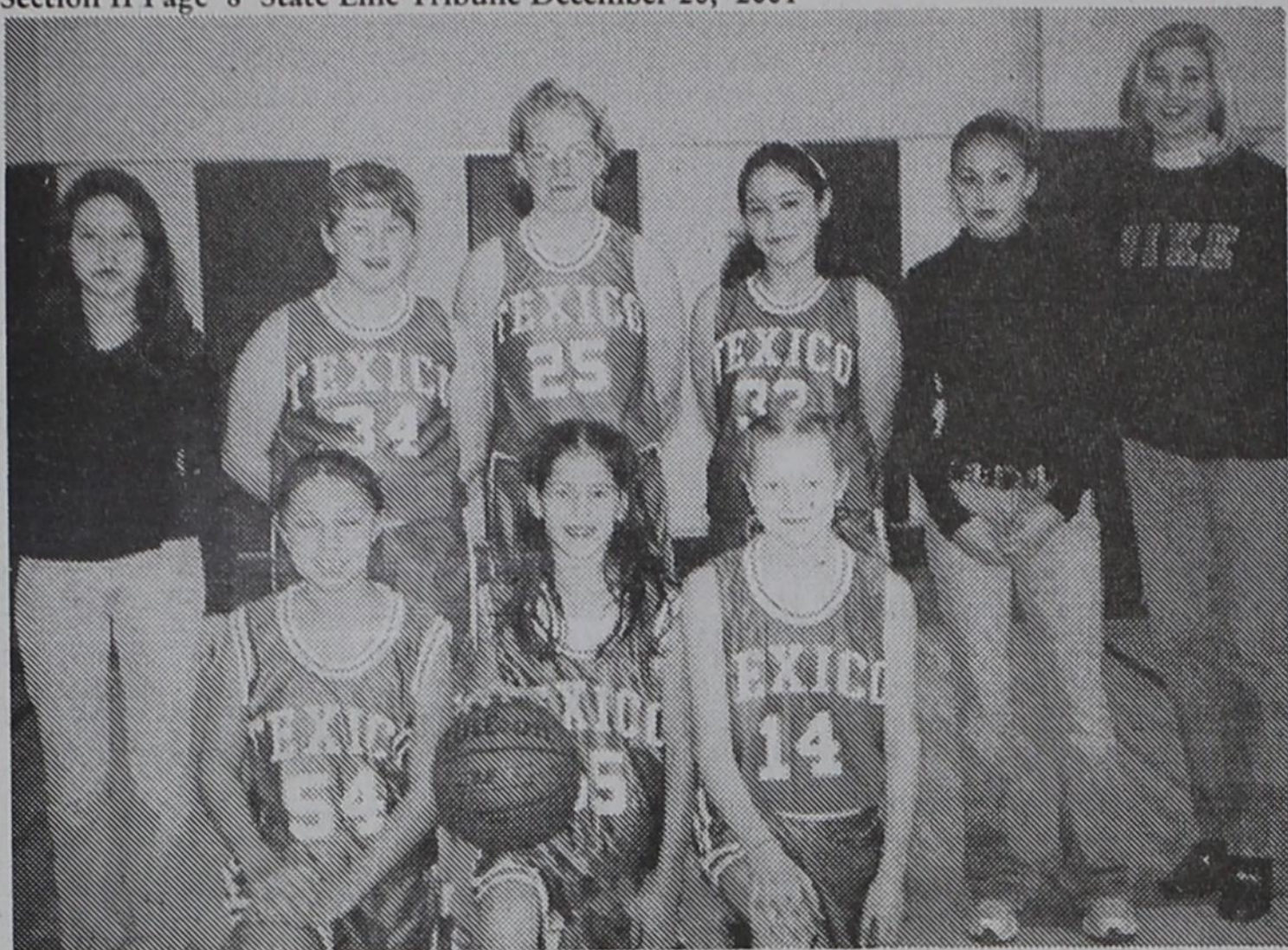
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Texico 7th Girls

The Texico 7th grade girls team, back row from left, Diana Reynoso, Leslie Vannatta, Zandi Queener, Anjelica Serna, Dorothy Ortiz, coach Amy Kelley; front row, Adilene Estrada, Bethany Hutton, Khalee Hatcher.

'Santa, my dad would like a fire truck'

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Are they ready to take you up in the sleigh? I would like a Game Boy and a computer. My brother Victor wants a Game Boy too. Please bring my mom a present too. My dad wants some tools.
Luis Godinez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie for Christmas. Adrian wants a truck. My mom would like a new dress. My dad would like a new car.
Yessica Contreras

Dear Santa,
I am going to leave you some milk and cookies. I want some presents please. I want a Barbie and a Barbie car. Colton wants some games for his Nintendo 64. My dad wants some tools. I already have a present for my mom. I am moving. My house is by my grandma's.
Allison Weaver

Dear Santa,
Do the elves make toys? Does it snow at the North Pole? It snowed here last

week. Santa, I know you bring toys to the boys and girls that are good. I have been real good. I want a Game Boy please and a teddy bear. Lauren might want a baby. Jack wants some toys. My mom might want a new computer and I don't know about dad.
John Ryan Isaacson

Dear Santa,
Will the reindeer pull the sleigh to my house? Dasher is my favorite reindeer. I would like a swimming pool for my Barbies. My sister wants a teddy bear. My brother wants a truck. My momma wants a bracelet. My daddy wants a CD player.
Madison Jesko

Dear Santa,
You are sweet. You bring us presents. Do your elves make all the toys? Is the sleigh ready to go? I would like a walkie talkie and a 4-wheeler. I'm not sure what my sister wants, she never tells us. My mom wants a water fountain. My dad wants a new fishing game.
Austin Mason

Dear Santa,
I would like a Vtek laptop computer and an Aaron Carter CD. My mom would like some jewelry. My dad wants new tools. My little sister wants a baby toy.
Allison Myers

Dear Santa,
I would like a big turtle pillow and a Christmas shirt that says Merry Christmas! My brother and sister would like a surprise present. My mom would like some new shoes. My dad would like a fire truck.
Trevor Bridges

Dear Santa,
Can you say hi for me to the elves? I have a list of presents. I want a lap top and an Aaron Carter CD. How are Rudolph and the reindeer doing?
Donovan Johnson

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a car, dad a truck, Jesus power wheels, grandma a dryer, and a Pink Princess Barbie for me.
April Terrazas

MERRY CHRISTMAS



May The Richness Of The Lord's Blessings Be With You Through This Season And Throughout The New Year.

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Dear Santa,
I want a rollercoaster, a teddy bear, and a donkey -- I want to give him a hug.
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Dear Santa,
I want a baby with a pacifier, and a cash register with money. I want to give you a big kiss.
Emily Logan

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and keyboard, a piano with a microphone and Pokemon cards. My sister wants a bear and a doll.
Mason & Lindsy Coburn

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a farm, a scooter, a dump-truck and a fire truck. My mom wants a baby and a scooter and my dad would like some tools. My cat Milly would like some string, and Buster and Abby would like some chewbones.
Dalton Kasel

Dear Santa,
I am only 4 months old but have been very good. For my first Christmas, I would like a high chair and a wagon so my dad can take me fore rides. My sisters and brothers have been good, too. Please bring them some new clothes and a few nice surprises.
Matthew Klingensmith

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a new necklace, dad a new car, Ashley a new baby doll, Sammy a new puzzle and a new game for me.
Brooke Williams

Dear Santa,
Please give my dad Tom a watch, my mom Kindra a pair of shoes, my sister Katie a jewelry box and ring, and earrings, necklace and a book of stars, and a box of rings and earrings for me.
Tannah Slack

Dear Santa,

Please give my mom a bracelet, my dad a red rope, my brother a robot, and a calendar for me.
Danielle Cockerham

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a toy train set, my dad a high tech radio, my brother a Nintendo 64, and a hot wheels and cyborg city for me.
Nathan Walterscheid

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a snowman, my dad a hat, my brother a store, my sister a new baby, and for me a doll.
Keila Jennings

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a ring, my dad a motorcycle, my brother a ball, and for me a Playstation 64.
Ubaldo Trevizo

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a makeup box, my dad some tools, my sister a car, my puppy a bone, and for me some clothes.

Sasha Lara

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a ring, my dad a computer, my sister a car, my brother a game cube, and for me a CD player.
Alfredo Huicochea

Dear Santa,
Please give my dad fishing glasses, my mom earrings, my sister a new Barbie doll, and for me a motor cross nintendo 64.
Tait Cooper

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a ring, my dad tools, my sister a Barbie, my brother a bike, and clothes for me.
Gaby Navarrette

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a lot of dolls, my dad power tools, my sister a bunch of toys, and a lot of football stuff for me.
Tre Orozco

Dear Santa,



Please give my mom a ring, my dad a watch, my brothers a computer, my sister a Barbie, and a CD player for me.
Jackie Meza

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a car, dad a gun, Landon a driver's license, Brian a bike, and a dart gun for me.
Seth Meeks

Dear Santa,
Please give mom a bracelet, dad a car, my brother a Play station 2, and a rocking pony for me.
Michelle Vega

Dear Santa,
Please give my mom a ring, my dad a pair of shoes, my sister a bike, my twin sister a bike, and for me a bike.
Ballard Saul

Dear Santa,
Please give my mother some perfume, my dad a house, my brother a race car track, my sister a Polly Pocket, and for me a cowboy hat.
Bryn Lopez

Dear Santa,
Please give my dad Joe a scope, my mom a ring and necklace, my sister Myra a teddy bear, a doll and a bike, and for me a hunting and racing game.
Manuel Servin

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie house and toy dog and teddy bear and a book and that's all.
Brittany Nunez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a water gun and a Nintendo and new clothes.

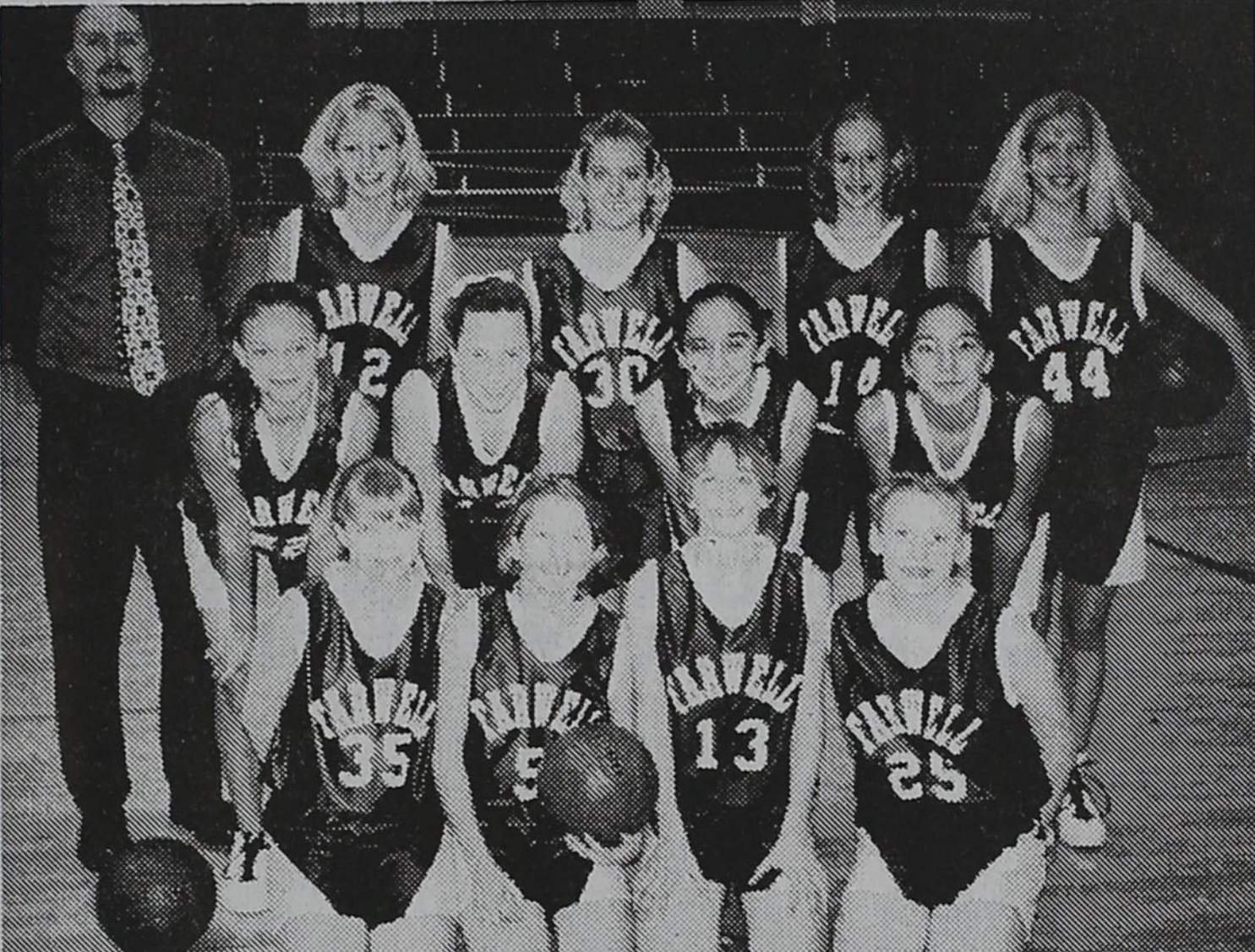
Zachary Madrid
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy rocket, pants, a shirt and a computer.
Juan Retana

Dear Santa,
Please bring my baby brother a baby toy and bring me a game cube and a computer and a desk and a drawing book.
Michael Shay Harrison

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike. Is there snow at the North Pole, Santa? Can you bring me a computer, too?
Danielle Terrazas

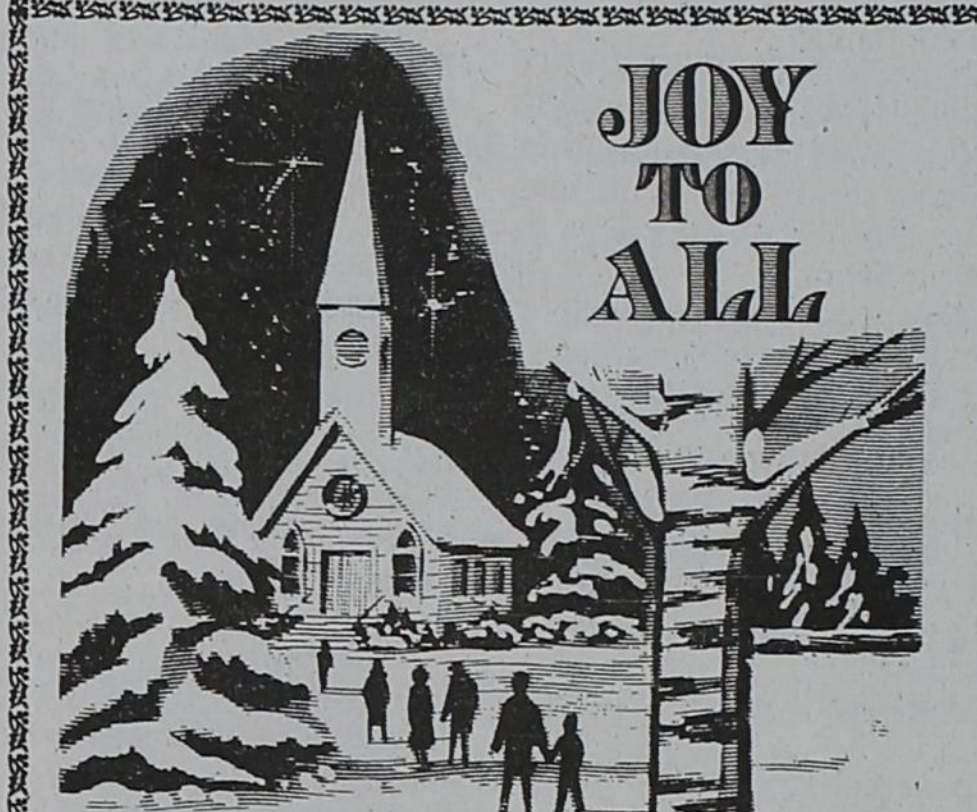
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a desk, a chair and a Barbie doll. My brother would like a toy car.
Ivonne Garcia

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dirt bike and a computer and a backyard and a backyard swing set.
Chandler Loper



Farwell 7th Girls

The Farwell 7th grade girls team includes, back row from left, Coach Doug Boyd, Britton Barrett, Hayley Fulcher, Sarah Herington, Elisa Smith; middle row, Salida Edwards, Dellani Jones, Brenda Cano, Amber Armstrong; front row, Jordan Kirkland, Amanda Martin, Hayley Fowler, Jessica Phillips.



In the spirit of the season, may we wish you a blessed Christmas.

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Happy Holidays!

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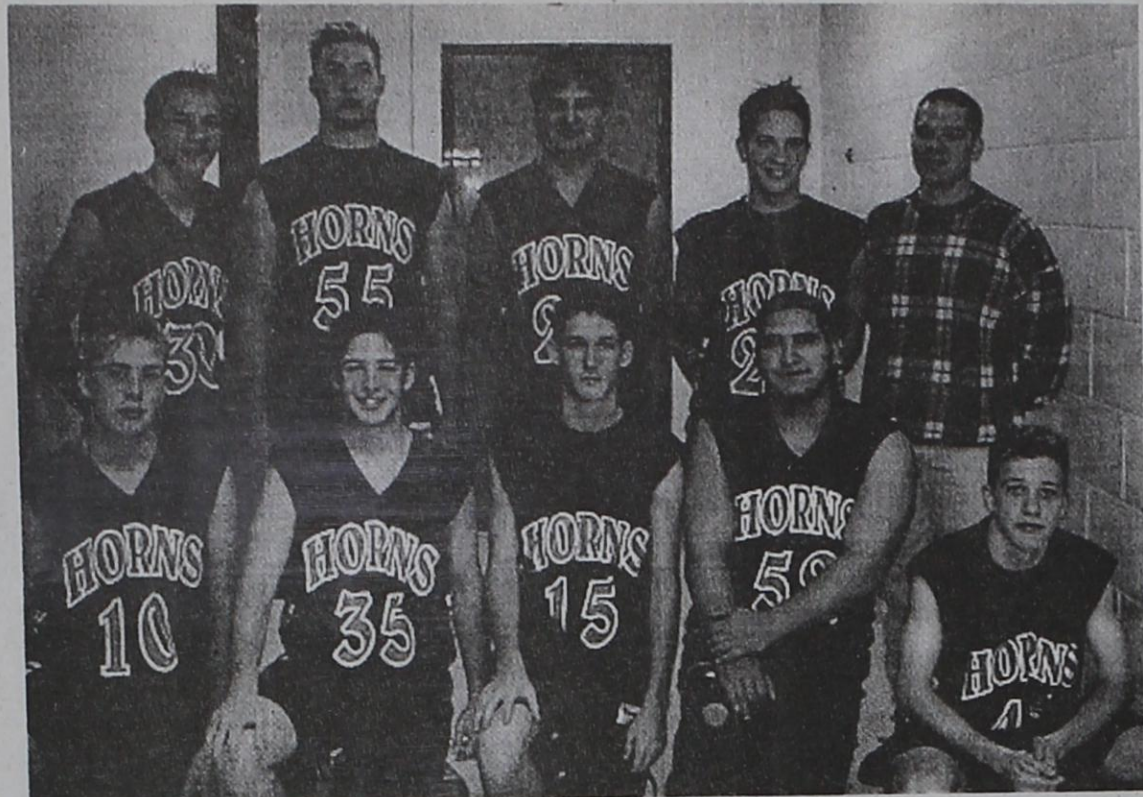
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Lazbuddie varsity boys

The Lazbuddie varsity boys team, front row from left, Sterling Via, Robbie Martin, Andy Martin, Michael Martinez, Aaron Marks; back row, Tobin Redwine, Jake Loudder, Jeffrey Phillips, Shannon Redwine, Coach Chris Marks.



Lazbuddie varsity girls

The Lazbuddie varsity girls team, back row from left, Triston Thorn, Kelsey Jones, Shawndee Nichols, Savannah Black, Shonnah Black, Coach Carey Suduth; front row, Kelli Harris, Melanie Winders, Kayla Kimbrough, Katy Louder, Jodie Coker, Candice Randolph. Not pictured is Amanda Martinez.

'Santa, please pick from this list...'

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a gameboy advance and I want a big surprise for Christmas.
Rallin

Dear Santa,
Does your reindeer still have the pink nose? I want a Barbie doll for Christmas.
Dalia

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby doll and a checker board. Please bring something for my sisters, too.
McKenzi

Dear Santa,
I want a surprise for Christmas. Please pick from this list:

1. Lindsey doll with accessories
2. Skates
3. Gameboy advance

Dear Santa,
I want a pink bike and a Barbie and a new puppy.
Margarita

Dear Santa,
I want a Gameboy Advance and a football.
Uriel

Dear Santa,
I want a Need for Speed and Nintendo 2 and a football. Merry Christmas!
C.J.

Dear Santa,
I don not know what I'm leaving for you. I would like to give my teacher, who is very nice, something. I and my mom and everyone I

know. Just surprise me.
Fox Guinn

Dear Santa,
We already have our Christmas tree. We are ready for you to come. I would like a skirt and a pair of shoes. I had a wonderful time last year. My whole family had fun, too.
Kylynn Thomas

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a walkman. Second, I want some spurs. Last, I want a

new bike.
Powers Hagler

Dear Santa,
I want some new spurs so I can ride horses with my friend Kory. Sometime I will come see you at the mall. It is always a surprise to see you. When I come to the mall you always give me a little surprise.
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As we celebrate again that magical moment, let us pray that the true spirit of Christmas be reflected in the hearts of all men. And may the special promise of the first Christmas child bring us all to a new and glorious morn.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

From All The Employees At

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Texico JV Girls

The Texico JV Girls, back row from left, Coach Roy King, Jazzi Walls, Lauren Boazman, Kehley Merrill, assistant coach Buddy Little; middle row, Brette Hadley, Ashley Kidd, Christina Clark, Amber Parmer, Ashley Smith; front row, Megan Brown, Sissy Loper, Brenda Cardenas, Nicole Richards, Jennifer Jackson.



Texico JV Boys

The Texico JV Boys, back row from left, Coach Steve Doolittle, Garrett Mayfield, Andre Span, Jared Curtis, Johnny Ortiz; front row, Martin Castillo, Toby Thornton, Corey Bell, Johnny Serrano, Trent Crow.

An easy prediction to make

Usually, I use this Christmas issue column to make predictions for the coming year.

Unfortunately, last year's prediction came true -- when I said that terrorism was on the rise.

Well, this year's prediction is fairly easy: the war on terrorism will continue to dominate the headlines.

World War III will continue through the rest of our adult lives.

As President Bush has stated it so correctly, it will be fought on many fronts.

I can't tell you how pleased I was when I heard that first speech of his. I was worried that our goal would simply be to kill Osama ben Ladun (the top jerk) and maybe some of his top officials.

That simply would not

Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

work in the long run. We have to cut off their finances, their aid from renegade governments, and we must put forth strong efforts to help our friends around the world combat their own terrorists.

The Philippines is a prime example of where we can help against Communist guerillas.

And Colombia is another nation fighting terrorists -- who important their deadly drugs into the

U.S. Which brings us to Israel. If you thought peace in Ireland was a thorny issue, just look at the Middle East.

I heard a fella say on TV the other day that both sides in the Irish fight finally came to the peace table because the populace was so very weary of war.

Will that day ever come to the Middle East? I doubt it. Palestinians have lived in refuge camps for so many decades that the hate within them is so strong it will last for centuries.

And the main sticking point is who will run Jeru-

salem. Sorry, Israel, but I believe that Jerusalem needs to become a special city, perhaps under U.N. jurisdiction. Until that happens, there will be no peace.

When that happens is anyone's guess. But as long as the terrorism in the Middle East continues, it will just get worse. And that means chemical and biological warfare down the road.

Already, young Palestinians dance in the street after terrorist raids, like on the Twin Towers in New York City, and the recent killing of teen-agers in Israel. To those Pales-

tinians, these atrocious acts constitute valor and heroism.

What a world we live in!

Thus what needs to be done is simple: create a Palestinian state, and make Jerusalem a special city so that the 1 billion Moslems in this world don't feel that this holy city of theirs (and ours) is under Christian-Jewish rule. That is a serious sticking point with them.

So, folks, the outlook on the immediate horizon

isn't great for those who want peace and quiet.

I predict that we will kill ben Ladun and other terrorist leaders, and put a good vise on their organization. But the fight will continue throughout the year on many fronts -- as all eyes turn to the Middle East:

-- The Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

-- Iraq's Saddam Hussein, and what we will do about this thug.

Stay tuned...



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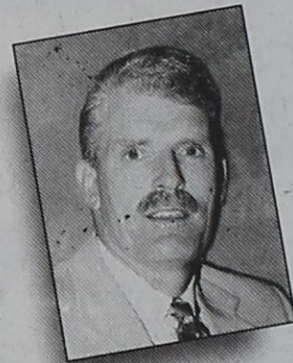
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Wishing you God's blessing at Christmas and throughout the new year.

The Farwell Dental Clinic Staff



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Peace on Earth

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

Wishing you a joyous Christmas . . .

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*We will be closed
 Tuesday, Christmas Day*

A look back at the most infamous moment in Parmer County history

Lazbuddie's Jim Roy Daniel stopped by the Tribune recently to allow us to make copies of two historical State Line Tribune issues -- December 30, 1926, and January 6, 1927.

These two issues told much of the story of the infamous serial killer, Parmer County's very own George Hassell.

Actually, the second issue was datemarked "December 6, 1927." But thanks to history buff J.R. Ivins, it was determined that the editor at that time simply had forgotten to change the "December" to "January" with the advent of the new year.

We thank Jim Roy for sharing those two issues since the Tribune has no issues in storage before 1940. The story we are told is that the publisher at that time told a young boy to burn some paper -- and he burned all the Tribune issues before that time.

In the first issue, as shown above, the headline was humongous -- "SLAYS HIS FAMILY." Here are some highlights from that issue dealing with the infamous Hassell tragedy:

This is the chronology of events given by the Tribune:

Dec. 1 -- Date of killing of entire family except Alton, the older boy, according to a statement of Hassell, and the best evidence available.

Dec. 5 -- Date of Alton's return from a threshing crew, and night of his murder as he lay in bed sleeping.

Dec. 22 -- Hassell sold his household goods, farm implements, livestock, etc., at public auction. Suspicion crystallized as to disappearance of his family.

Dec. 23 -- Hassell was questioned by officials in regard to disappearance of his family, whom he told were in Oklahoma.

Dec. 24 -- Hassell attempted to commit suicide by stabbing and cutting himself with a knife. He was taken to Clovis hospital. Excavation was started in a dugout which had been refilled, and the bodies of the mother and eight children were found. Hassell was returned to jail in Farwell and ordered held without bond.

Dec. 25 -- Burial was made in Farwell cemetery for the nine victims of the tragedy.

Dec. 27 -- Hassell dictated his complete confession in which other crimes were detailed.

Dec. 28 -- Hassell was removed from the Farwell jail by officers to a place of safe keeping. It was feared he might try to escape.

Dec. 29 -- Judge Reese Tatum issued an order calling a special term of District Court in and for Parmer County.

Every story on Page 1 of that issue dealt with the tragedy. These included:

-- The Wednesday telegram order from Judge Tatum, of the 69th Judicial District of Texas, calling for a Jury Commission for the following Monday.

-- A bulletin noting that Hassell was taken to Hale County jail at Plainview, "said to be one of the strongest jails in the country."

-- The dead were listed: Mrs. Hassell, about 43; Alton, 21, boy; Virgil, 16, boy; Maudie, 14, girl; Russell, 12, boy; David, 7, boy; Johnnie, 6, boy; Nannie-Martha, 4, girl, and Sammie, 2, boy.

The paper described Hassell as nearly 6 feet tall and weighing about 200 pounds -- "a giant of a man." It said Hassell listed no regret in his confession except for "Lord, God, I would give anything if I hadn't made the first lick; but I started it and I finished it."

Another article, signed by family members of the slain woman, urged against mob violence. Family members arrived from Gray and Garlington, Okla.; Wiley, Colo., and White Deer and Whittenburg, Texas.

There were two photos on Page 1. One was a Hassell family portrait but it featured Mrs. Hassell's first husband, Tom Hassell -- George's brother. After Tom died, she married George. The other photo showed Clovis undertaker C.V. Steed lifting up the bed cover which had been spread over the slain victims before being covered with three feet of earth in the dugout.

Another Page 1 article gave background on the Hassells and their homestead, four miles east and a little north of Farwell. All remnants of the house where the murders took place are long gone. The article said, "It was in this little house that George Hassell, a powerful, giant-like man, killed his wife with a hammer and then slew eight step-children -- the children of his dead brother -- so there would be nobody to 'squeal.'"

On Page 2 of the Dec. 30 issue, was the continuation of lengthy stories about the tragedy. But there also was room for four advertisements -- from Texas Utilities Company, warning that folks were using too much water and that the water tank was empty for morning; Fletcher's Castoria, "a pleasant, harmless substitute for castor oil, paregoric, teething drops and soothing syrups"; the Sanitary Bakery in Texico, and Farwell Motor Co., which wished all a Happy New Year.

One article continuation says Hassell almost got away with the murders. But in Hassell's own words, "I knew I was caught when a bunch of old hens began digging around among the baby's clothes the day of the sale."

Questioned by officials, after he gave conflicting stories as to the disappearance of the family (before the graves were found), Hassell was allowed to go free, since he said he had bank and other business to attend to. He was selling his property to Mr. Lindop.

Sometime the next morning, Hassell stabbed himself three times below his heart. Still alive, he called Lindop and asked him to bring a doctor and the sheriff. The next day, the bodies were uncovered near a bloody axe.

At the funeral at Farwell cemetery, Rev. Couch of the Baptist Church read the 7th chapter of Revelation, beginning with the 9th verse and concluding with these words: "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

And lying on his cot in Parmer County Jail, Hassell began dictating his confession. The confession, in which he admitted to strangling some children, killing his wife with a hammer, shooting one boy, and using the axe on another, also documented his life as a criminal, starting at age 15.

He said he received his first impulse to commit a crime when his step-mother murdered his father in 1905 when Hassell was 17 years old. He had left home four years earlier when his mother died.

Then he said he got into "bad company in Abilene" and was convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to two years in Texas state penitentiary. After serving his time, he joined the Army under an assumed name, then deserted after a few months.

He then married but after two years, the article said, "he and his wife separated. Their child was about a year old. ... His whereabouts is not known."

After he "left" his family, Hassell enlisted in the Navy. He deserted again, then enlisted in the Army. Presumably from finger prints, it was found out that he had deserted from the Army under that assumed name, so he was given two years in the federal penitentiary.

After his release, the Navy took him back and put him in their prison for about a year. He then took up with another woman. After a quarrel, he choked her and three children she had been keeping for another family.

After working odd jobs -- and posing as a doctor for awhile -- he joined the Merchant Marine and was discharged at his own request.

One common thread came across in his confession: in every one of his major crimes, and even in his "first impulse" to commit a crime, he drank liquor.

Here are some highlights from the confession of murdered George Hassell. He talked about choking the woman and the three children to death in California. As Hassell related this incident, he calmly said, "I am telling this and trying to show no sympathy on my part."

Then, after describing his wandering around several states, he talked about coming to Kansas to help on a farm, where he met a relative of the woman who was to become his last wife (he may have been married three times)

Four months after his brother died, he married the widow and her children.

The problem that led to the mass killing apparently stemmed from his wife's belief that he had sexual relations with his step-daughter. Later in the confession, Hassell admitted to this crime, also.

Hassell detailed how he killed each victim, talking without any remorse, just listing facts as he saw them.

Besides the Hassell tragedy stories, the Tribune issue from that Dec 30, 1926, issue featured several advertisements.

On one page, there was an ad from Security State Bank, with capital of \$20,000 and bond of \$20,000, wishing all a prosperous New Year.

Other New Year's ads came from Hall's Grocery and the Red Cross Pharmacy. The Lyric Theater program featured movies like Valentino's "The Eagle", and "Flowing Waters" and "The Man Who Found Himself." Plus, each had a one reel comedy with it.

You could get free tickets to the picture show with \$1 purchases at either of these stores -- Maddux Hardware, Star Shoe Shop, Texico Novelty Store, City Service Garage, Kemp Lumber Company and Daniels Produce Company.

City Service Garage, of Texico, featured one-day battery charging service, tires and rubes and "That Good Gulf Gas." And in the Kemp Lumber Co. ad, it quoted Ohio's Jimmie Cox as saying "In most bumper crops, it's the price that bumps the farmer."

Besides the Hassell news, there was some space for other items. "Santa Claus visits destitute home," read one headline. And new county officials were to take office in January. And, of course, there were the gossip tidbits, like:

* Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Randol spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bart Osborne.

* Mr. and Mrs. Orval Francis visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker Sunday night.

* Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wade and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wade attended the show at Texico Saturday night.

Another Page 1 article in the Dec. 30, 1926, issue of the Tribune went into detail on how the bodies in the Hassell murders were discovered.

After the gruesome killings, Hassell had told folks that the family had returned to Oklahoma and he sold his place to Mr. Lindop. So he held an auction attended about 150 town and farm people.

He asked the Baptist ladies of Texico-Farwell to serve lunch at the sale, but they declined due to another commitment that day.

Meanwhile, the townspeople milled about the yard at the sale, never suspecting that they were standing above the dugout filled with bodies. And Hassell smilingly officiated at the sale, standing directly above the mutilated bodies of his nine victims, which he had buried a week earlier.

But Hassell slipped up. Some ladies at the sale wandered through the unoccupied house to see if there were any extra household goods Hassell might sell. And in one room, peeping from a suitcase, was spotted some babies' clothes. Why were those clothes there?????

So the ladies investigated further. And they found virtually all the clothes the three little children in the family had worn. They reported their findings to the menfolk at the sale and it was decided not to say anything at that time but await developments.

Meanwhile, Hassell got an inkling of what was going on. He was very quiet when he had dinner with the Lindops. And Mr. Lindop kept a weapon at hand when he and his wife went to sleep. "We were scared -- there is no denying that. We could not sleep," said Mrs. Lindop.

Early the next day is when Hassell told Lindop to get the doctor and the sheriff. Hassell had stabbed himself three times in his chest with a pocket knife. The wounds were dressed and he was put in jail. This is where he confessed.

And the Tribune article ended with this note:

"In this little stucco house where the road out of Farwell makes a hairpin turn, George Hassell committed his greatest crime -- and failed to get away with it." He has come to the end of his trail where the westbound Santa Fe trains say goodbye to Texas and hello to New Mexico."

Obviously, the next issue of the State Line Tribune after the Hassell murders were discovered still focused on the heinous crime.

The main headline said "Hassell is indicted on 9 charges."

Justice was far speedier in those days. While Hassell was indicted on a Tuesday, the trial was to begin just three days later, on a Friday.

The copy of the issue that Lazbuddie's Jim Roy Daniel brought to the Tribune had a photo of mass murderer George Hassell, but time had worn it away. But in those days, such a photo was a top-seller. That Tribune issue had special ad boxes in it proclaiming "Photos of Hassell and his family can be obtained at the Tribune office."

The main article in this issue dealt with the legal details of adjudicating the case. It noted that the Grand Jury had convened. Its members had names like Wines, DeOliveria, Ellison, Williams, Foster, Ford, Carr, Galloway, Hightower, Sherrod, Crowell and McDaniel.

According to work from Plainview Jail, where Hassell was housed before the trial, he didn't want an attorney. But the law compelled Judge Tatum to appoint a defense attorney.

Another Page 1 article reviewed the preaching of a Baptist minister from Clovis who came to Farwell to talk. Rev. Nix, of the First Baptist Church of Clovis, said things like "Ahab was a gentleman in comparison to Hassell" and "Jesse James had principle and was a prince of a man in comparison to Hassell." In conclusion, the minister warned the young men & women present who had a tendency to lead a wild life: "Be sure your sins will find you out."

Other articles on Page 1 noted that hundreds of people had visited the death scene three miles northeast of Farwell. At one time on the preceding Sunday afternoon, over 100 vehicles were parked in the road near the home. Over 1,000 people tramped through the home that day.

And Mrs. Nora Guidry, the oldest daughter of Mrs. George Hassell, and the only survivor of the Hassell family, had arrived from her home in Long Beach, Calif., accompanied by her husband.

Page 2 of this issue had several small articles, including a short editorial commending Farwell folks for not resorting to mob violence after the tragedy was uncovered. Another mini-editorial called for Parmer County to have a county agent.

Other articles noted that S. B. Lovett was building an adobe home in Texico and that the G.A. Wulfman home in Farwell was nearing completion. Hamp Kleeman, whose parents lived west of Texico, died from auto injuries in California. Dimmitt was to get the Denver Railroad, and Gordon McCuan, the new Parmer County district clerk, said he was retaining Erma White as deputy clerk.

Page 3 was dominated by a huge ad from Loyd & Sikes Chevrolet Co., of Farwell. It offered vehicles like a Sedan for \$695; the Landau, for \$745; a one-ton truck for \$495 (chassis only); a half-ton truck for \$395 (chassis only); the coupe for \$645; the Roadster, for \$525; a Touring car, for \$525, and The Coach, for \$595. (down from \$645).

Other ads featured Jackman's Women's and Children's Wear in Clovis; Guaranty Abstract & Title Co., Bob's Shoe Shop, and Bayer Aspirin. There was an article with more details on the Kleeman death, and a story on the new New Mexico governor going to a ball. One article discussed "for small poultry flocks many people sprout oats around the kitchen stove." And two California men who killed two deers in Arizona with bows and arrows was mentioned.

The next page had ads from Kemp Lumber Co., Red Cross Pharmacy, Hall's Grocery, the Lyric Theater and Fox Drug Co. There was a photo of Hirohito who had just become emperor of Japan after his father's death. Over the photo was "Long May He Live." That was a bit different philosophy after Hirohito led his nation into war against the United States 11 years later.

And there were the usual gossip items.

* The Fox Drug Co. had opened a cigar stand at the courthouse during the Hassell trial.

* Fay Porter and Gordon Smith had married. "A large group of young folks charivariated them Monday night." That came from the Pleasant Hill correspondent.

* Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Faville spent Sunday in Clovis.

'Santa, my sister wants a Volkswagon'

Dear Santa,
My gift to dad is goals.
Please bring me a ramp,
skateboard and crayons.
Miguel Reyna

Dear Santa,
My gift to mom is a ring.
Please bring me a cotton
candy maker, basketball and
GI Joe.
John Myers

Dear Santa,
My gift to Tammy is a
ring. Please bring me a
scooter, skateboard and a
bnk.
Mickey Jones

Dear Santa,
My gift to mom is the tab
to exercise. Please bring me
a bike, scooter and crayons.
Brenna Rubio

Dear Santa,
My gift to mom is a bear.
Please bring me a bunny, a
bird and a teddy bear.
Marona Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
My gift to my family is a
box of candy canes. Please
bring me a football, a CD
player and a box of Christ-
mas toys.
Jarron Hill

Dear Santa,
My gift to William is
Power wheels motorcycle.
Please bring me motorcycle
video games, boat floats and
different kinds of toys.
Jonah Walls

Dear Santa,
My gift to Jennifer is a
teddy bear. Please bring me
a Barbie house, teddy bear
and clothes.
Brooke Ryan

Dear Santa,
My gift to my brother is a
dirt bike. Please bring me a
new bike, Christmas tree and
a remote control car.
Patrick Terrazas

Dear Santa,
My gift to William is a
soccer ball. Please bring me
a jacket, a truck and new
clothes.
Adan Bejerano

Dear Santa,
My gift to my sisters are
books and perfume. Please
bring me a big doll, train and
clothes.
Nicole Sanchez

Dear Santa,
My gift to Crystal is a
Barbie. Please bring me a
Barbie house, Barbie doll
and clothes.
Clara Luna

Dear Santa,

My gift to Taylor is Santa
Claus. Please bring me talk-
ing ash, club fairy and
clothes.
Tyler McCoy

Dear Santa,
My gift to Clara is a luna.
Please bring me a hoola
hoop, a bike and a stuffed
animal.
Sandra Garrett

Dear Santa,
My gift to Shelby is a doll.
Please bring me a new jet, a
helicopter and a new dog.
Elijah Cole

Dear Santa,
My gift to Crystal is a doll.
Please bring me a puppy,
another Christmas tree and a
trampoline.
Sierra Soliz

Dear Santa,
My gift to dad is a bike.
Please bring me a puppy, a
doll house and toys. I will
put a bear by my stocking
for my favorite reindeer, Ru-
dolph.
Alejandra Monarrez

Dear Santa,
My gift to Tyler meni is a
motorcycle. Please bring me
a train, train tracks and a
flying saucer.
Colt McCallie

Dear Santa,
My gift to Shelby is
paints. Please bring me a
real horse, paints and a doll.
I will put paints by my
stocking for my favorite
reindeer, Rudolph.
Kimber Harrison

Dear Santa,
My gift to Clara is a Bar-
bie. Please bring me a Barbie
house, a Barbie and new
clothes.
Crystal Davalos

Dear Santa,

My gift to Teryn is a toy
horse. Please bring me a
puppy, a cat and a make-up
Barbie.
Kimberly Brown

Dear Santa,
My gift to Kordell is a re-
mote control monster truck.
Please bring me a bow and
arrows, a snow board and a
giant puppy.
Mitchell Pinnell

Dear Santa,
My gift to Crystal is new
clothes. Please bring me a
bike, a scooter and a teddy
bear.
Shelby Vannatta

Dear Santa,
My gift to Kordell is
power ranger toys. Please
bring me a tommy clip out
mega sword and a new
home.
Paden Hagler

Dear Santa,
My gift to my brothers is a
toy puppy. Please bring me a
remote control 4 wheeler, a
truck and a feed truck.
Adrian Gomez

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a Sleeping
over Kally and a pink bike.
My sister wants a Barbie
house and a Volkswagon. My
mom wants some jewelry.
My dad wants a small truck.
Claudia Campos

Dear Santa,
I hope I'm not bugging. I
just want to know if you
would please get me a toy
car and a angel picture for
my room. My brother wants a
bike please.
Joshua Lindley

Dear Santa,
My gift to my brother is
digimon toys. Please bring
me power ranger, pokemon
toy and digimon toy.
William Beaver



Texico 8th Boys

Texico's 8th grade boys team includes, back row from left, Coach Zarate, Tyler Heaton, Logan Potts, Michael Johnson, Ricky Burns, Carlos Castillo; middle row, Aaron Vaughan, Andrew Castillo, Zane Anderson, Jeremy Riley; manager Dustin McDaniel; front row, Isaac Zarate, Curtis Williams, Bobby Bentley, L.J. Jenkins.

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- Luke 2:11

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It's been 10 years since Diana Lumbrera's crimes came to light

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the conviction of a one-time Bovina resident in one of the most bizarre criminal cases in U.S. history. On May 30, 1991, Diane Lumbrera received a life sentence in prison from Parmer County District Judge Jack Young. Mrs. Lumbrera, 32, pled guilty to the Aug. 17, 1982, murder of her 3 year old

daughter, Melinda Ann Garza. She made the plea bargain just before her murder trial was to start. Three other murder charges pending against her in Parmer and Bailey counties were adjudicated: -- Joanna Lumbrera, 3 months old, on Nov. 30, 1976, was pronounced dead at Parmer County

Community Hospital in Friona. -- Melissa Lumbrera, 3, on Oct. 2, 1978, was pronounced dead at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. -- Ericka Aleman, 6 weeks old, on Oct. 8, 1980. The girl was a cousin's child. She was the daughter of Ben and Irene Aleman, of Dimmitt. Also, Mrs. Lumbrera

was convicted in Kansas City on Oct. 3, 1990, for smothering her 4 year old son, Jose Antonio Lumbrera. She received a life sentence on that charge. The Kansas case led to the solution of the Texas cases. And she had been indicted in Lubbock County in connection with the 1978 death of her son, Jose Lionel Garza Jr. The 2 1/2 month old infant died in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Garden City, Kan. She had lived in Kansas for about five years. In investigating Mrs. Lumbrera's background, law enforcement agents in Kansas found that she had five more of her children die suddenly while she lived in Texas. During that time, she lived in Bovina and Dimmitt. Each of the deaths in Texas, spread out over a period of time and in different locales, was attributed to natural causes. The deaths occurred between 1976 and 1990. For example, Melissa Garza's death certificate listed congestive heart failure. Melinda Garza's death was listed as caused by sudden infant death syndrome.

from life insurance policies. Five of Mrs. Lumbrera's children are buried in Bovina Cemetery under elaborate headstones. During the Kansas trial, a doctor was asked to describe the Munchausen Syndrome to the jury. That syndrome concerns people feigning illness or injury to gain sympathy for themselves. Munchausen Syndrome-by-proxy is a similar ploy in which a parent may fake illness or injury to a child so that the parent is the center of attention and sympathy. This illness was suggested as a possible motive for the murders. When questioned before the Kansas trial began, Mrs. Lumbrera told hospital employees that the deaths were due to a curse placed on her.

'Santa, my sister wants a pink motorcycle'

Dear Santa, I would like a puppy pillow, a bean bag chair, a doll with clothes and a necklace with a heart on it. ... I like Rudolph.
Taylor Stancell

D.J. would like a new doll in a basket with all its things. Zackary wants a Batman motorcycle and a play boat. Cassie and Shannon want new clothes.
Meagan Alvarado

movie for my family, and maybe you could bring a Power Ranger, too.
Cody Pierce

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Barbie car, a Barbie truck and a baby doll with a little house. I would like a little piano, a football ribbon, some markers and crayons. My dad needs tools. Wyatt wants a truck. Bubba wants a Ken doll. Mom wants a washing machine.
Tamara Bishop

Dear Santa, Please let me have a new Barbie doll in a swim suit. And I need a new swim suit, too. I am going to Lacey's house at Christmas. Please bring me my brother a stuffed bear.
Kenzy Cates

Dear Santa, Please could I have a silver bicycle. My mom wants a pretty cake plate, and my dad needs a new chair to use at the table. My brother wants a toy airplane. My sister wants a pink motorcycle.
Josue Barrera

Dear Santa, Please bring me one of those listening ears that you can push a button and listen to music. Also, a Barbie doll and a Powerpuff girl. My family would like a TV, Nintendo games and a bracelet for me. Mom likes flowers. Dad would like new screw-driver tools. Grandma needs new shoes. My brother would like a Power Ranger.
Esmeralda Flores

Dear Santa, I want a skateboard man and some snow skis and a snowboard. I want black boots and another dog, and a blue football outfit and a scarf. I am helping dad cut up the deer meat. We will share some with you and the reindeer.
Dillon Kirkland

Dear Santa, I would like a blue remote control car and a stuffed bear. Please bring my family a toy, maybe Nintendo 64. Please bring a Power Ranger with a remote control motorcycle. Remember to eat good food and be healthy and warn.
Christian Pena

Dear Santa, Please bring a Holiday Barbie, a new Little Mermaid bicycle, a new radio and skates.
Laren Carpenter

Dear Santa, I would like a Holiday Barbie, a pink bicycle with training wheels, a Barbie tent for me and my sisters to camp in the backyard, and a play sewing machine to make doll clothes.
Jill Johnson

Dear Santa, I have two little brothers. We like to play Power Rangers. We like to play with balls, too.
Jonathan Jacobo

Dear Santa, Please bring some boots, a Barbie motorcycle for me. My sister Carli wants a Barbie house and Barbie clothes. Papa needs new tools for our car. Grandma would like a new blanket.

Dear Santa, Please give me Energy Paint Balls. That's all. (I have too many dinosaurs from Clovis). Me and my little brother like puzzles.
Ian Vidaurri

Dear Santa, I would like a new computer, new shoes, bicycle and earrings. I have 2 little brothers -- please bring them something, too.
Karina Retana

Dear Santa, Please bring me a GI Joe doll guy with a Jeep, and maybe you have a cartoon

Dear Santa, Please let me have a computer and a real horse and a play stuffed puppy. I want a radio for my room and a paint ball gun and a real sword. I'd like a cage to put my new stuffed puppy in.
Daniel Kirkland



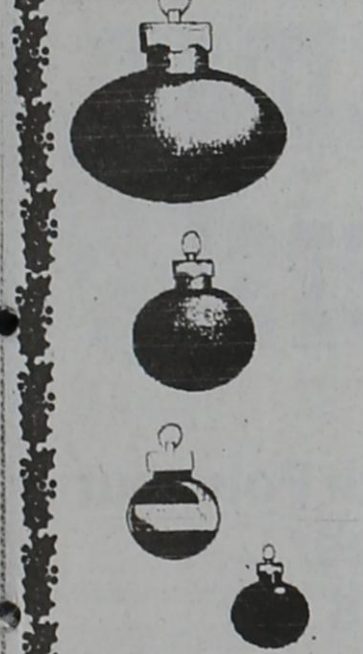
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May the feeling of peace be with you throughout this holiday season and for all of the years to come. We give you our thanks and best wishes for a great holiday!



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Merry Christmas!

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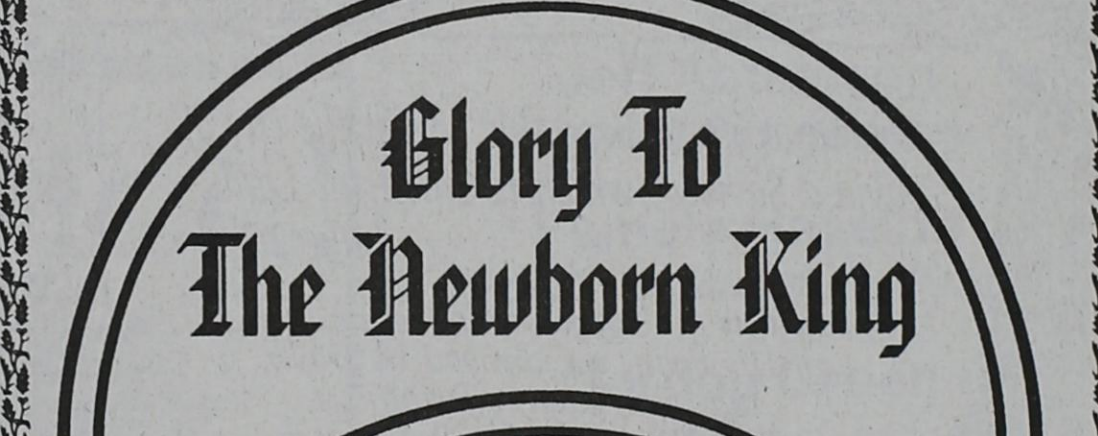
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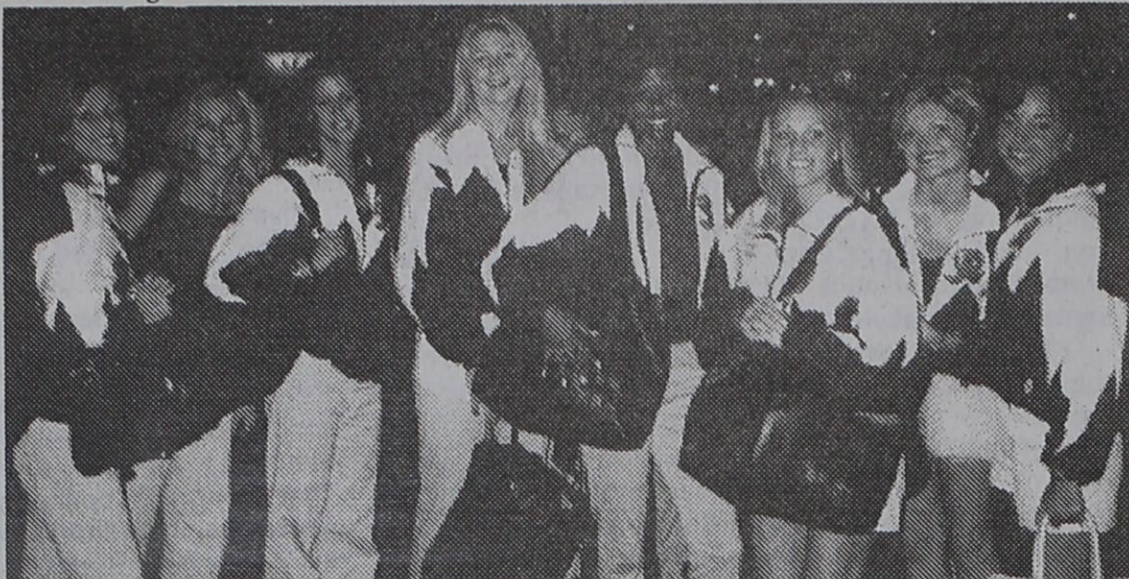
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by Will Anderson

Did you ever wonder what the cheerleaders for the NFL and AFL professional football teams do in the off-season? These talented young ladies do not work exclusively as cheerleaders, they all have full-time jobs as lawyers, actresses, florists, nurses, and any number of other professions.

Cheerleading is an extremely demanding second job for them and many of them use the off-season to concentrate on their work there. However, a number of them continue to work in the off-season on the squads that travel with the United Servicemen Overseas (USO), that wonderful organization that for decades has been entertaining American service members stationed outside the USA.

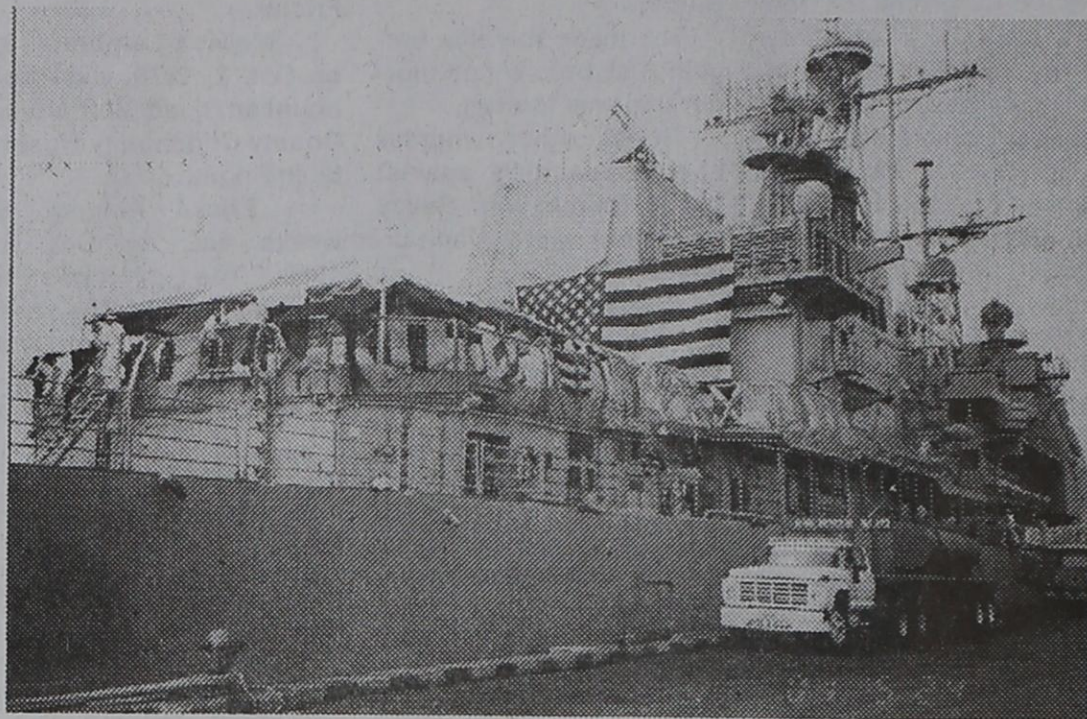
The military veterans of world War Two, Korea, Vietnam, and a dozen other areas of smaller skirmishes have memories of Bob Hope USO shows all over the world. Bob Hope and other USO shows came to the Persian Gulf while I was there on various warships during the years of warfare between Iran and Iraq before Desert Storm.

With blazing sun and miles of desert on both sides of a hot sea, the Persian Gulf is not really a very pleasant place, and if there's any shooting going on, it really gets ugly. The "Tanker War", as we called it in the 1980's, was an unusual mission because it wasn't our fight, we were just trying to keep the flow of oil coming from the Persian Gulf to the world economy while the Iranians and the Iraqis fought it out around us and above us, but it was during the Tanker War that USS STARK got hit by two Exocet missiles from an Iraqi warplane that that USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS hit a mine that had been rolled into the seas outside our anchorage by an Iranian fishing boat at night.

After ROBERTS got hit, our Navy shelled and detonated the Iranian oil platform from which the mining vessel had been dispatched. Three days later, on 18 April 1988, the Iranian Navy came out to fight, which was called "Missile Monday" because on that one day U.S. Navy ships and warplanes sank one-fourth of Iran's warships. It was definitely not on the list of the most glamorous and fun places to be in the world, but it was to this environment that the USO brought the San Diego Charger cheerleaders to perform on our flagship, and the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders per-

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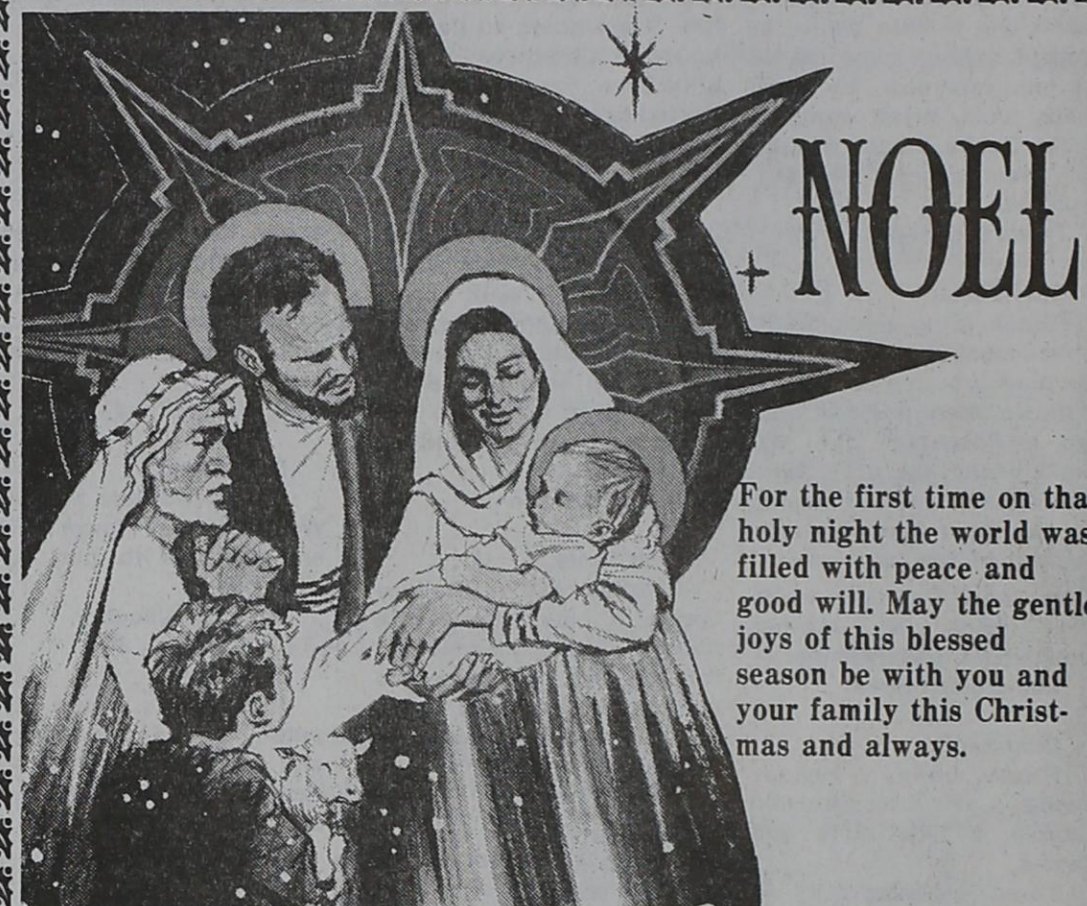
Getting on the next plane before sunrise the next morning, the next show that afternoon for American soldiers and sailors a few thousand miles away.



USS TICONDEROGA at "dress ship" in honor of their visiting guests, the Washington Redskin cheerleaders.

A Will Anderson adventure

Washington Redskins' cheerleaders put on a show for sailors in Ecuador



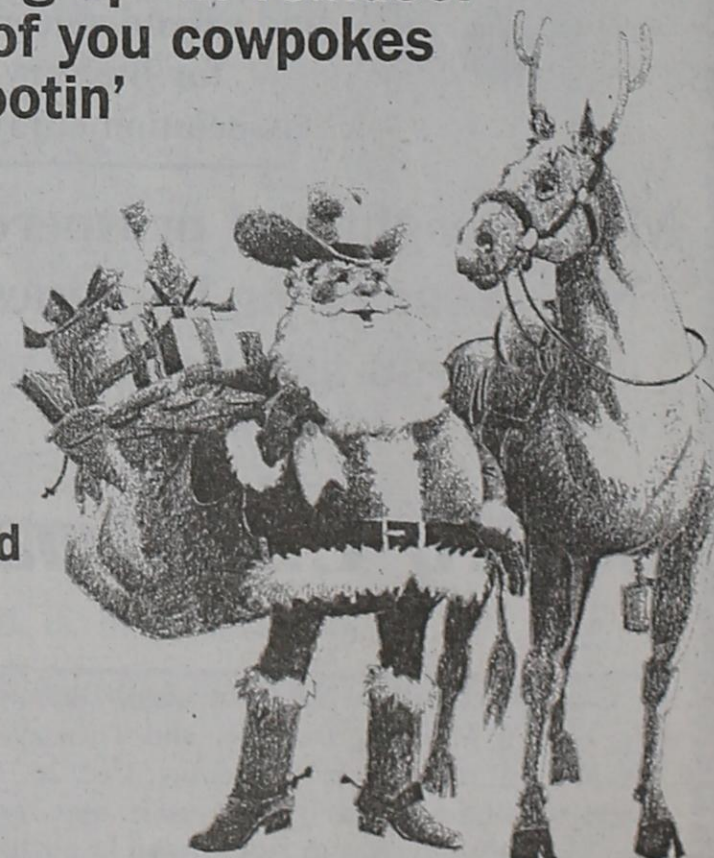
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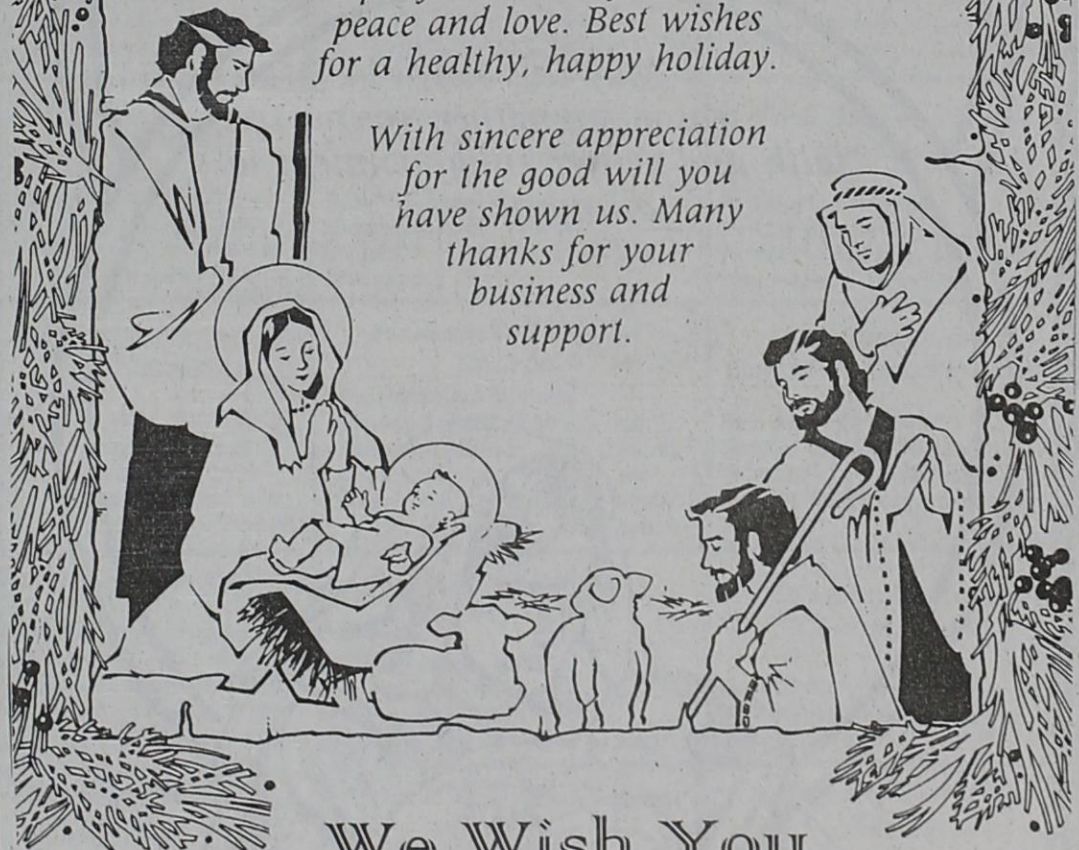
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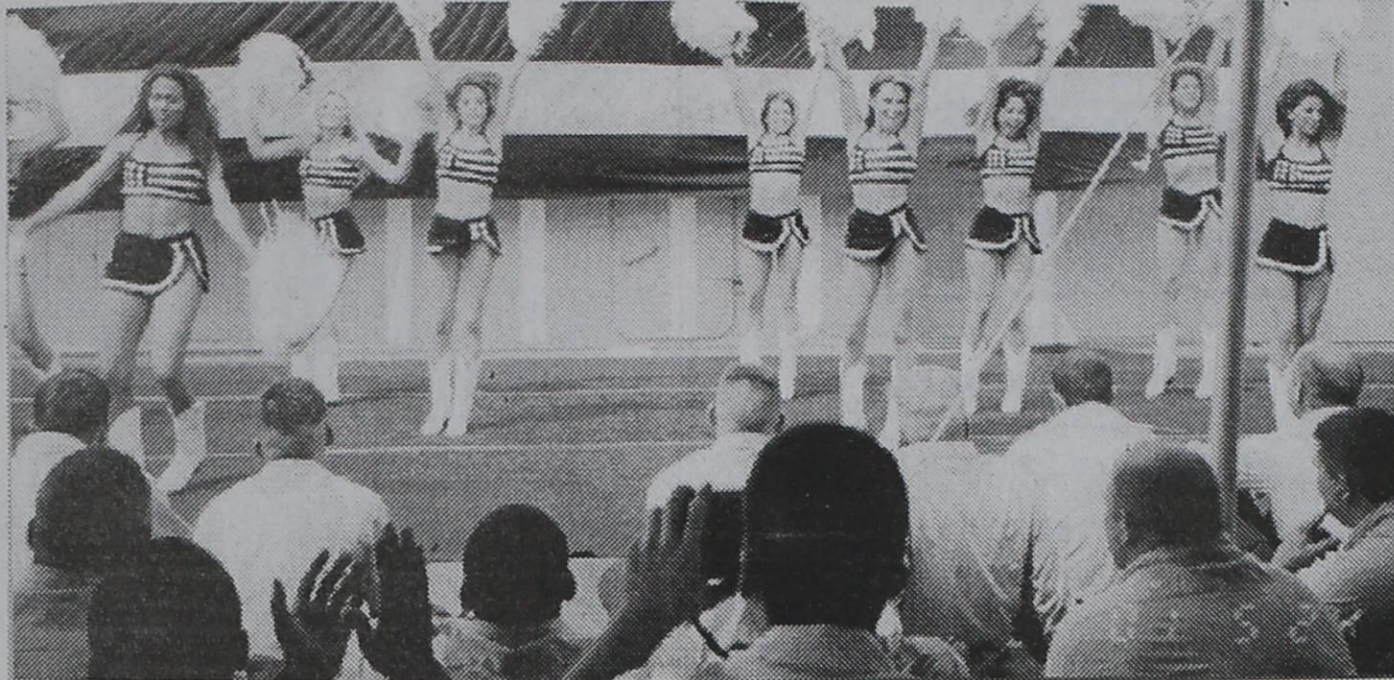
formed the next year on my frigate, USS SIMPSON.

The professional cheerleaders have continued this little bit of service to their country, and this year the Washington Redskin cheerleaders came to put on a show in Ecuador for some of the sailors who are part of the war-on-drugs in the seas off of that coast. My attaché office was directed to provide security for a dozen of the Redskin cheerleaders who would be flying down to perform on board the cruiser, USS TICONDEROGA, in June in the port of Manta.

Ecuador is an increasingly violent country, due to the atrocities of common criminals, terrorists, and narcotics traffickers, so this trip would definitely not be something that the cheerleaders would do casually. The young ladies knew that it would involve some demanding travel under some tight security in a pretty nasty country but the 12 of them were all volunteers to show their support to the men and women of the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard.

The three days the cheerleaders had in Ecuador went like a whirlwind. They got to Manta after hours on a plane, were met by a half dozen armed guards from my office, and were immediately swept up by the reception that had been prepared for them and for the officers and chiefs of the cruiser, TICONDEROGA. After that and a few hours' sleep, the cheerleader squad was ready to go to the ship the next morning for breakfast with all the sailors on the messdecks.

Then came the show on the flightdeck, two hours of singing and dancing, jokes and gymnastics, performed in the blazing sun, on a steel deck hot as a frying pan, all for the entertainment for 300 young men and women of the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard. The crew loved the show, after months of the tedious counter-narcotics pa-



Two hours of singing and dancing, jokes and gymnastics, on a deck as hot as a frying pan.

trols in that part of the Pacific Ocean, they had been given a little slice of the America they had left behind.

But perhaps most importantly, they had been told (repeatedly!) by the cheerleaders that there were thousands of people back in the United States that recognized the sacrifices that they were making for the mission of keeping cocaine and heroin off the streets of American cities. The grand finale performance of the song, "I'm Proud To Be An American" brought the whole crew to their feet and you could hear them cheering all over town after it was over for another ten minutes.

I believe that those cheers were all the thanks that the cheerleaders needed, it had better have been, because my security team had to hurry them off the ship, the sailors loaded all their sound equipment and bags of costumes, and we were on the road in less than 30 minutes. We drove them cross-country for four hours through the night in a security convoy to reach the city of Quyaquil, where they got a couple hours of sleep. We got them to the airport before sunrise the next

morning (it's amazing how much energy and cheer these young ladies have after a schedule like that) and then they were gone again, flying to their next show for U.S. sailors, soldiers, and Marines, on some island in the Caribbean Sea.

As we watched their plane disappear, the amount of sacrifice and love of country that these cheerleaders put into one of these trips certainly puts a new perspective on professional football for me.

I still would not give you a dime for the Washington Redskin football team, and I don't much care for the Dallas Cowboys either, not after the way they treated Tom Landry.

But I tell you what, their cheerleaders make you proud to be an American!



Farwell JV Girls

Farwell's JV Girls team includes, back row from left, Danielle Cargile, Jordan Carpenter, Coach Doug Boyd, Kyra Christian, Khallie Foster; middle row, Nikki Gober, Ashlie Martin, Carrie Stevenson; front row, Tara Schilling, Micah Christian.

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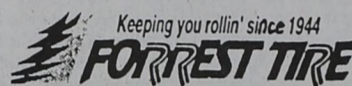
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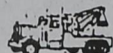
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Dear Santa,
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Ely

Dear Santa,
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Dear Santa,
Please bring me clothes, shoes, socks and a green tractor. I want puzzles and animal books.

Gerardo Banuelos

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a snowboard that's black, with eagles on it, or just plain black. Could I have a Harley-time motorcycle? Our 4-wheeler doesn't work right now. Santa, does Rudolph really have a nose that lights up?

Austin Ratke

Dear Santa,
I want a play horse that

you ride, a play cattle truck. Kristofer wants a new scooter. We want a Christmas tree.

Keenan Schilling

Dear Santa,
I want some more dolls and some Barbie clothes. I want a doll of Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, and a Barbie house, too.

Kristyn Arce

Dear Santa,
I love you and believe in you. I would like a Barbie tent, Barbie computer and my twin doll. Please let all the boys and girls who don't have toys to have toys.

Tory

Dear Santa,
I always try to be a good girl. Can I please have some more babies for the other children? I want a bicycle for Christmas. Can I have some earrings for my mother?

Brook Lynn

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy sometimes, but I have been trying to be real good all the time. I would like a leather man that has tools. Please bring Lauren a generation Barbie.

Chase

Dear Santa,
Can I please have some baby dolls for kids in Afghanistan that don't have any toys? Can I please have a new bike?

K'Leigh White

Dear Santa,
I want a toy for everyone that needs one. Can I have a big horse that walks with batteries, and a little horse for Matthew.

Zachary



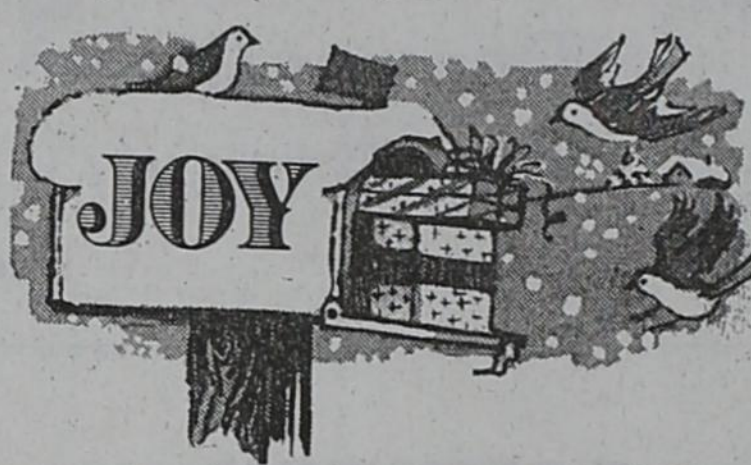
Farwell 8th Girls

Farwell's 8th grade girls, back row from left, Cindu Quezada, Kristen Garcia, Kari Schilling, Beatrice Garcia, Jennifer DeLeon; front row, Robin Teltschik, Sandra Saenz, Coach Doug Boyd, Julie Castillo, Yvonne Favila.



Farwell 7th Boys

The Farwell 7th grade boys team includes, back row from left, Robert Williams, Dan Patterson, Zach Bickel, Tyler Vandiver, Coach Jacob Thompson; front row, Cory Chadwick, Brett Howard, Derrick Chandler, Matt Barnes and Alex Olmos.



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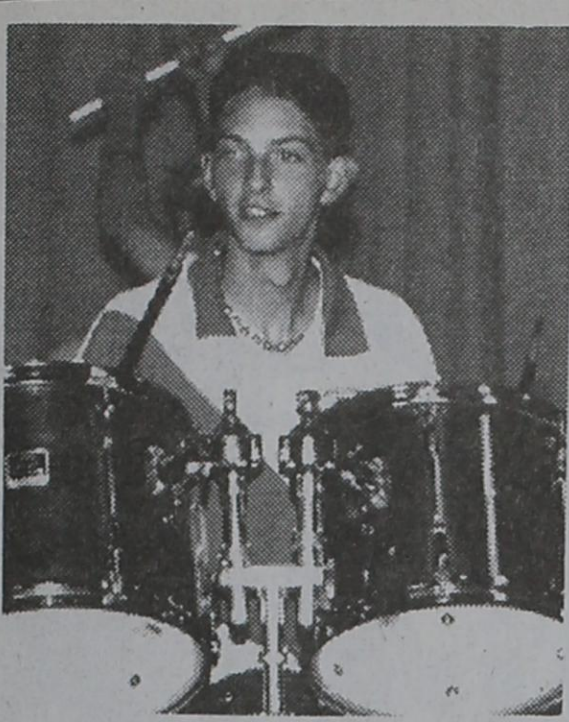
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Dear Santa,
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Victor Godinez

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Kolten Morris

Dear Santa,
Please bring me roller skates and a Barbie that skates. I wish everybody will have a house at Christmas. I love your reindeer. They are pretty. What do you feed them?
Denise Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a teddy bear and some books. I wish my mom would get a nice Christmas present. do you get cold when you deliver

the presents?
Callie Instead

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a game boy and a TV for my room. I wish everyone would have a great Christmas. Do you get any presents? I will bring you one.
Jared Timms

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a computer and a cat. I wish that all the people that are sick would get well. How do the elves make all those toys?
Keena Diaz

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a glittering T-shirt and the Barbie and the Nutcracker movie. I wish Chrissy could come for Christmas. How do you make all the toys? I hope you have a happy new year!
Shea Scott

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new pair of shoes (roller skates) and a robot that brings you something. I wish all my family will be home for Christmas.
Karina Galvariz

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a DVD player and a Lee Middleton doll. My wish is that all the children have toys on Christmas Eve. What do your elves look like? What do they wear and how do they stay warm. Tell Mrs. Claus Merry Christmas.
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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a remote control car and a book of Rudolph. I wish my mom will be happy. Can your reindeer really fly?
Alfredo Chivera

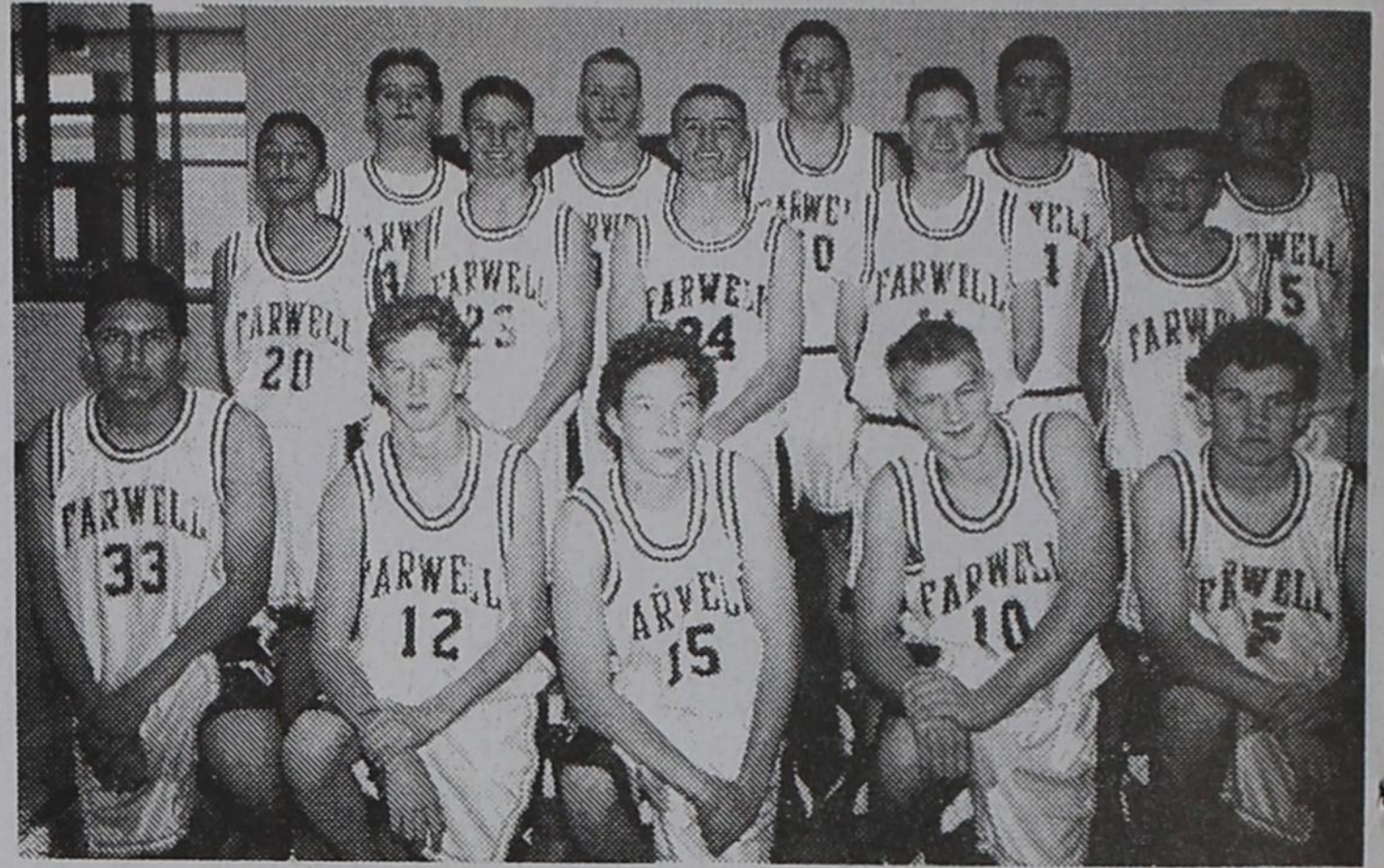
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a piano and a toy house that I can get in. My wish is for my friend to get well. How are all your reindeer? Are they feeling good.
Jessica Estrada

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a half-Chihuahua and Half Pekingese dog and a horse. Please help Seth get better. How do you get around the world from place to place in one night with just one sleigh in 12 hours?
Amy Bradshaw

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Skill-loader and a four-wheeler. Please help my Pepa feel good.
Ross Steinbock

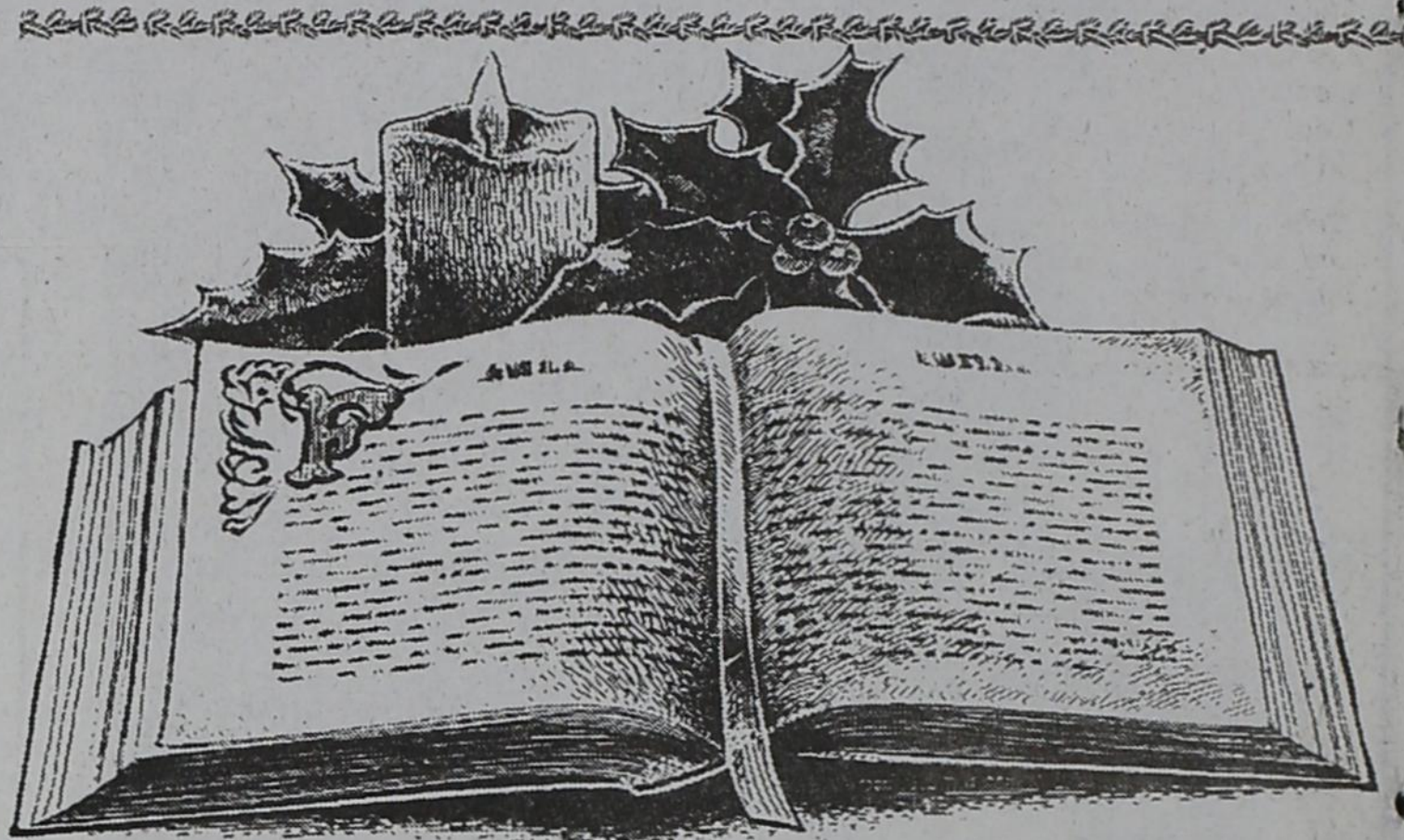
Dear Santa,
I would like a Aaron Carter CD and I want a four-wheeler. I hope Cupid and all of the reindeer are OK. Have a safe Christmas.
Dakota Price

Dear Santa,
My gift to my mom is a shirt. Please bring me a desk and chairs, paints and a teddy bear.
Ivonne Garcia



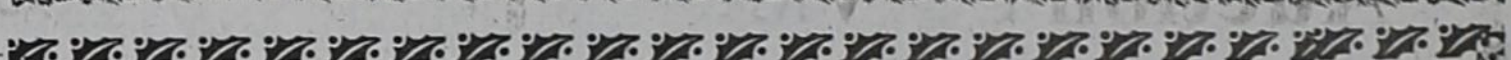
Farwell JV Boys

The Farwell JV Boys team includes, back row from left, Jared Scott, Daniel Kaltwasser, Tyler Myers, Jeremie Chandler, Jose Cabello; middle row, Carlos Saenz, Cale Stevenson, Lonnie McFarland, Tate Nichols, Chris Culver; front row, Juan Sanchez, Jason Sudderth, Jason Johnson, Rowdy Mitchell and Robbie Tabb.

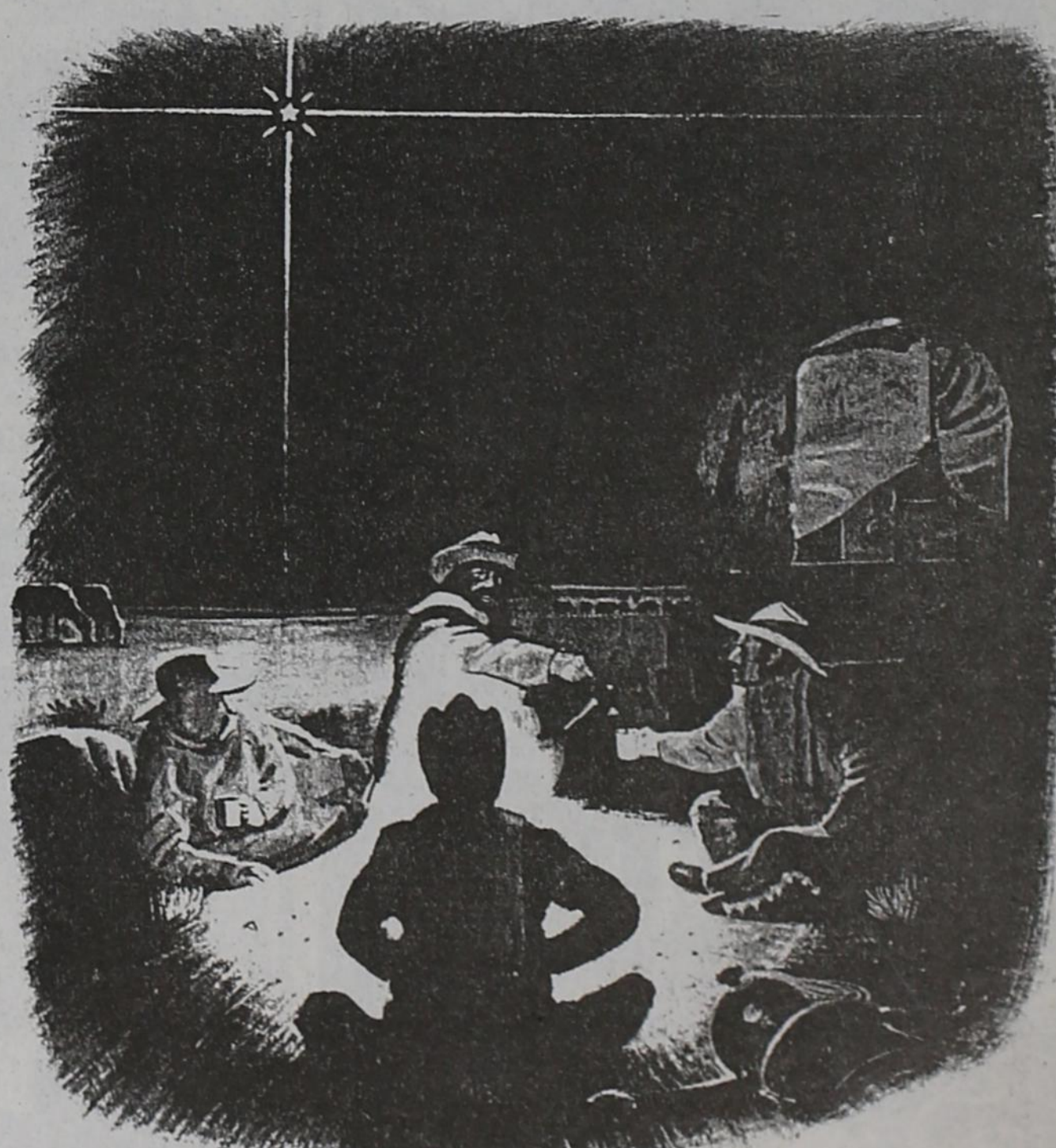


Holy Blessings Unto You

May your heart and hearth be filled with the blessing of peace, love, faith and harmony, as we celebrate the Miracle that is Christmas.

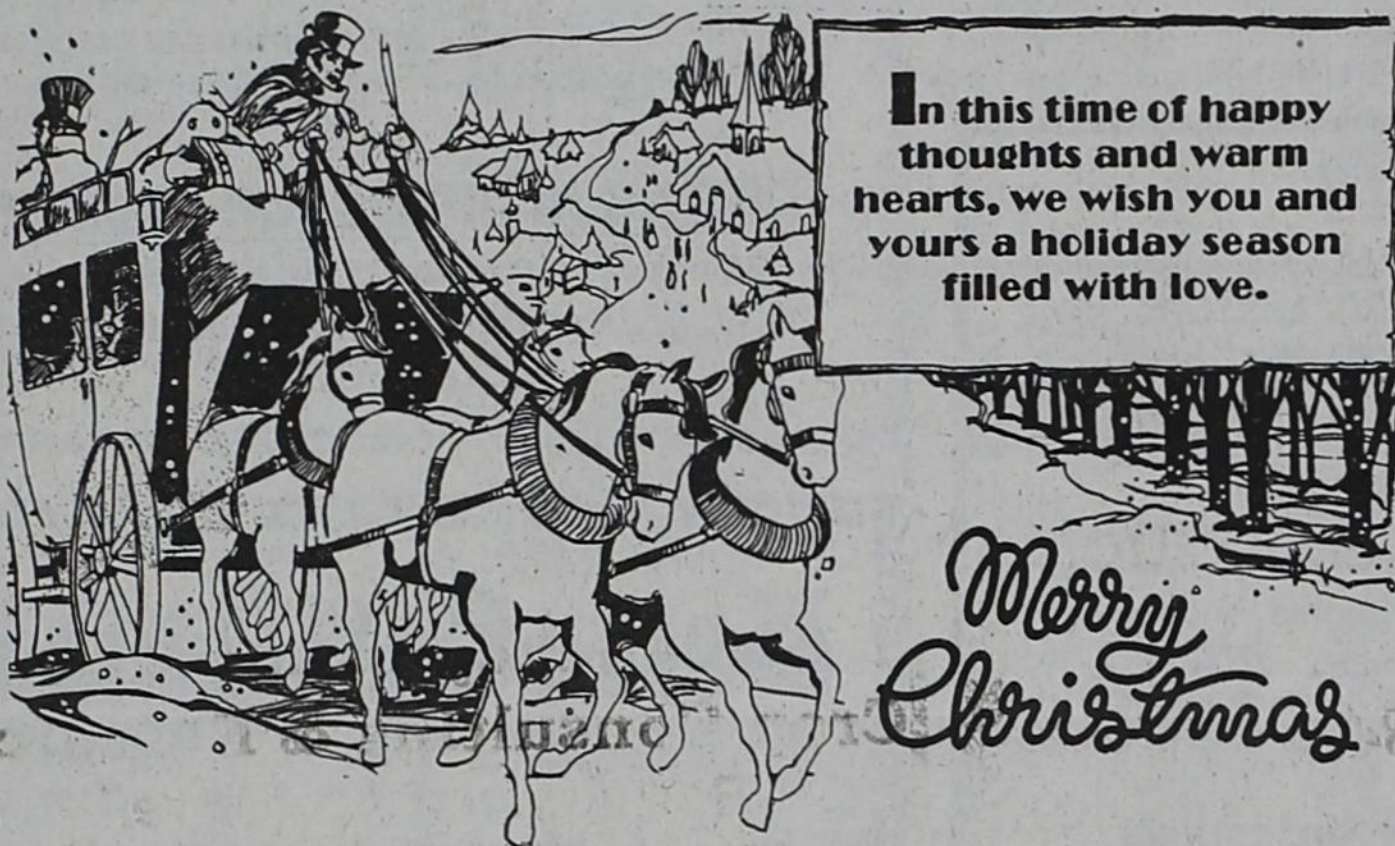


SEASON'S GREETINGS



May every blessing be realized and every joy be cherished. The Spirit of Christmas is the spirit shared.

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Merry Christmas

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Muleshoe Area Medical Center
Muleshoe, Texas

Here are some nifty holiday recipes for your palate!

Chewy Caramel-Pecan Bars

- 2 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
- 1 2/3 cups packed light brown sugar (divided)
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened (divided)
- 1 package (6 oz.) pecan halves (1 1/2 cups)
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

In food processor container, combine biscuit and baking mix, 1 cup of the brown sugar and 1/2 cup of the butter. Pulse until mixture resembles coarse meal. Press on bottom of 13x9x2-inch baking pan coated with cooking spray to form crust. Sprinkle pecans evenly over crust. In 8-cup glass measure or microwave-safe bowl, combine remaining 2/3 cup brown sugar and 1/2 cup butter. Microwave on High for 4 minutes or until mixture in thickened and syrupy, stirring every minute. Pour evenly over crust and pecans. Bake at 350° for 18 to 20 minutes or until caramel layer is bubbly. Remove from oven; sprinkle with chocolate chips. Let stand 3 minutes. Using a knife, swirl chips over caramel to create a marbled effect. Cool completely; cut into bars. Makes 36 bars.

Helpful Tip: When measuring biscuit and baking mix, gently spoon mix into nested (dry) measuring cup/s.

Using a metal spatula or straight-edged knife, level off the top.

"Twas the Night Before Christmas"

Turkey Casserole

- 4 cups cubed cooked turkey breast (1 1/2 lb. turkey tenderloins, cooked and cubed)
- 6 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
- 1 cup chopped seeded tomato
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1 package (2.75 oz.) Pioneer No Fat or Regular Country Gravy Mix
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise-style salad dressing or mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Colby-Jack cheese (6 oz.)

Christmas Biscuits (see recipe)
2 tablespoons butter, melted

In large bowl, combine turkey, bacon, tomato, and onions; set aside. Prepare gravy mix according to package directions. Stir in salad dressing and cheese until well blended. Pour over turkey mixture; stir to coat. Pour into a greased 13x9x2-inch baking dish. Bake at 375° for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare Christmas Biscuits. Place biscuits on hot turkey mixture. Bake 12 to 15 minutes more or until biscuits are golden brown and sauce is bubbly. Brush biscuits with melted butter. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Christmas Biscuits

- 2 cups Pioneer Biscuit & Baking Mix
- 1/2 cup shredded Colby-Jack cheese (2 oz.)
- 2/3 cup milk

In medium bowl, stir together biscuit mix, cheese, and milk to form a ball. Turn out onto floured* surface; knead 8 to 10 times. Roll out to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut into star or tree shapes with cookie cutter.

*Use additional baking mix to "flour" the surface, if desired.

Cheesy Broccoli Fondue

- 1 1/2 cups water (divided)
- 1 package (1.89 to 2.75 oz.) Pioneer Chicken or Country Gravy Mix
- 1 package (8 oz.) shredded process cheese food
- 1 package (10 oz.) frozen chopped broccoli, thawed and drained
- 1 jar (2 oz.) diced pimento (2 tablespoons), drained
- Bite-Size Biscuits (below)

In medium saucepan, bring 1 cup of the water to a boil. Dissolve gravy mix in remaining 1/2 cup water; stir into boiling water until thickened. Stir in cheese. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until cheese is melted. Stir in broccoli and pimento. Heat through, stirring occasionally. Pour cheese mixture into fondue pot or ceramic pot. Serve with Bite-Size Biscuits. Makes 4

cups fondue.

Bite-Size Biscuits

- 3 cups Pioneer Biscuit & Baking Mix
- 1 cup milk

In large bowl, stir together biscuit mix and milk to form a ball. Turn out onto floured* surface; knead 8 to 10 times. Roll out to 1/4-inch thickness. Using miniature (about 1 inch) cookie cutters, cut out biscuits. Place on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 400° for 6 to 8 minutes or until golden brown. Using wooden picks, dip Bite-Size Biscuits into Cheesy Broccoli Fondue. Makes 4 to 5 dozen biscuits.

*Use additional baking mix to "flour" the surface, if desired.

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Pumpkin Bread with Streusel Nut Topping

- 4 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
- 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin
- 1 cup low-fat buttermilk
- 3/4 cup vegetable or canola oil

Streusel Nut Topping:

- 1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1/3 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted

In large bowl, combine 4 cups biscuit and baking mix, 1 1/4 cups sugar, cinnamon and cloves. In medium bowl, stir together eggs, pumpkin, buttermilk and oil. Gently stir pumpkin mixture into dry ingredients until thoroughly combined. Pour batter into two 9x5x3-inch loaf pans that have been coated with cooking spray. Set aside. In small bowl, stir together streusel ingredients until crumbly. Sprinkle over batter. Bake at 350° for 60 to 65 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center of loaf comes out clean. Cool in pans for 10 minutes; remove from pans. Cool completely on wire rack. Makes 2 loaves.

Helpful Tip: When measuring biscuit and baking mix, gently spoon mix into nested (dry) measuring cup/s. Using a metal spatula or straight-edged knife, level off the top.



We're joining Santa and his reindeer in sending warmest wishes for a joyous holiday, rich in many blessings.

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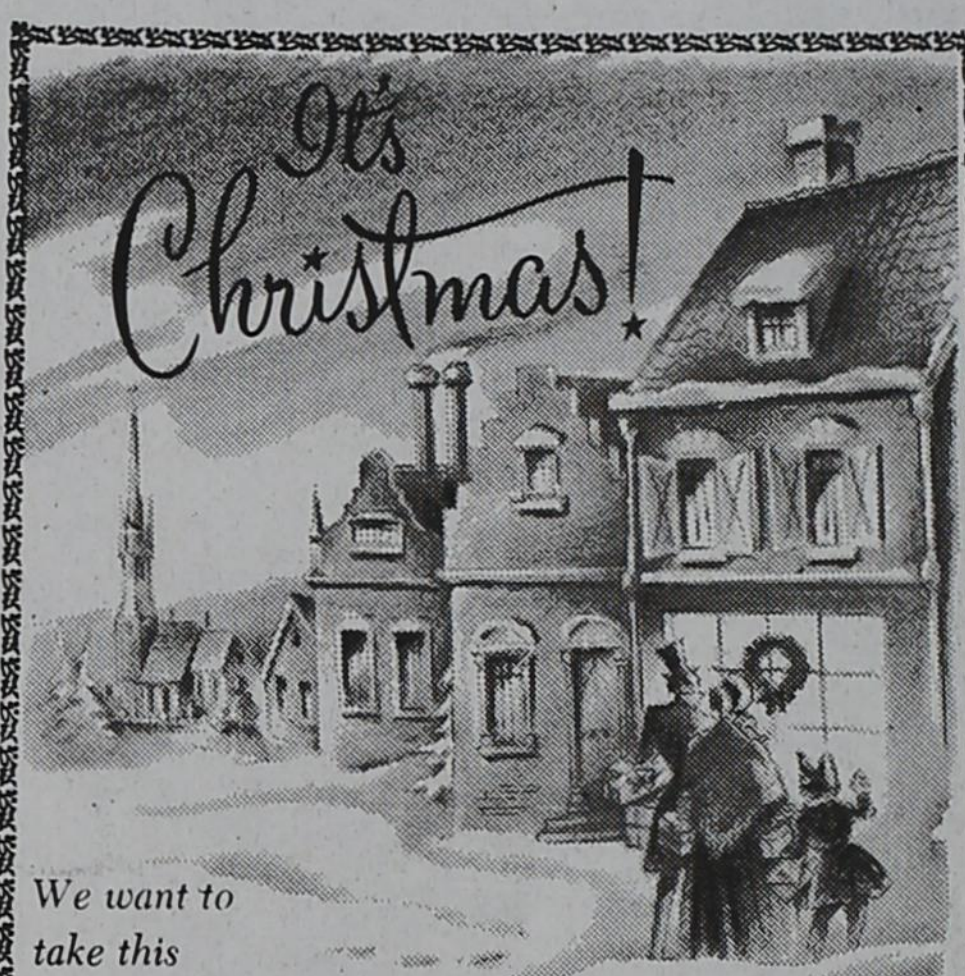
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O Holy Child, be remembered in our hopes and in our hearts for Christmas!

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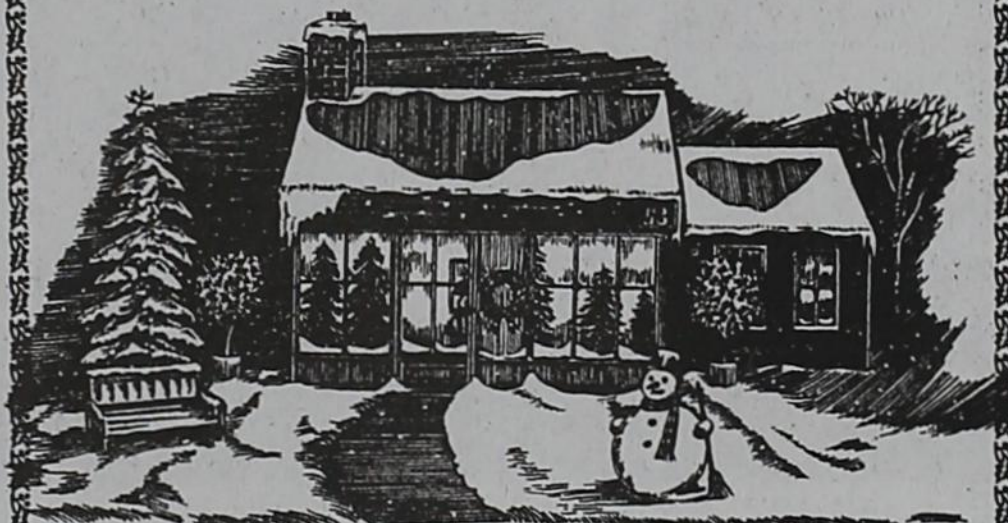
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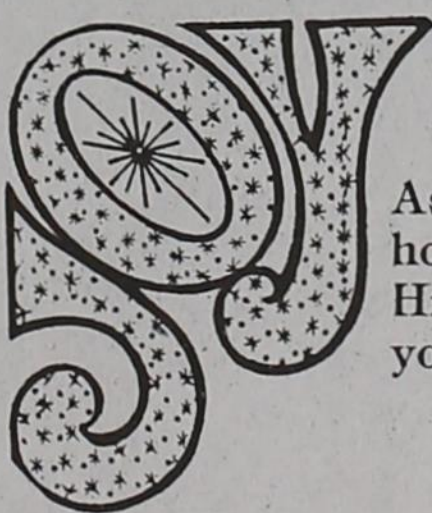
O HOLY NIGHT



Joy fill your hearts this Yuletide and in the days to follow!

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As we recall that holy night, we ask His blessings upon you and your family.

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